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HONGKONG STILL CONTRIBUTING.

MINERS' FUND TOTALS NEARLY \$2,000.

MR. WOO HAY-TONG SENDS A \$250 CHEQUE.

HONGKONG F.C. GIFT

As the result of further substantial contributions received this morning, the Hongkong Football Club on behalf of distressed British miners and their wives and families now almost reaches the \$2,000 mark.

Heading to-day's contributions is a cheque for \$250 from Mr. Woo Hay-tong, the well-known proprietor of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. On many occasions in the past, Mr. Woo Hay-tong has displayed his munificence in the cause of education and other directions, and in thanking him for his latest gift we are glad again to acknowledge the growing interest evinced by leaders of the Chinese community in the plight of the distressed miners.

Football Match Collection.

Another most acceptable cheque is to hand from Mr. W. Pryde on behalf of the Hongkong Football Club. This is for a sum of \$150, and represents a collection taken at the enclosure reserved for members of the Club at the football match between Shanghai and the United Services on Saturday last.

The organisers of this collection are to be commended for the kindly thought which inspired the idea, and the sum is most welcome.

From Two "Lads."

The appeal addressed to "the lads" has brought forth donations from Capt. J. J. Lousias and Capt. J. Robinson, who state that they hope that others will follow suit. These veterans are showing the way to the younger "lads of the village."

The total so far received by the Telegraph is as follows:

Already acknowledged \$1,519.
10/-
Mr. Woo Hay-tong 250.
Hongkong Football Club 150.
Capt. J. J. Lousias 15.
Capt. J. Robinson 10.

Total 10/- and \$1,947.
For Scottish Miners.

A point has been raised as to whether any of the money subscribed to the Lord Mayor's Fund will be applied to the relief of distressed miners in Scotland. Whilst it is not quite clear whether this is so, it may be pointed out that the Lord Mayor of London, in a recent statement, spoke of all coalfields as being within the scope of the Fund. Possibly, however, he was referring to the English and Welsh fields.

In any event, if there are contributors who wish their donations specifically earmarked for Scottish miners, the Telegraph will undertake to forward any such sums to the fund which has been opened by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Alexander Stevenson, for the miners of Scotland. These donations will be sent to the City Chamberlain in Edinburgh, who is handling the Fund. It may be mentioned that Sir Ralph Anstruther, H.M. Lieutenant of Fife, has appealed to the people of Fife to help this Fund.

The Distress.

Home papers to hand tell of the plight of the miners and their families in the coalfields of Wales and the North of England. In most cases, unemployment benefit has ceased, with the result that there are now between 200,000 and 300,000 families on the verge of starvation.

The Lord Mayor's and other funds, plus Board of Guardian grants and the Government contribution, must keep them alive through the winter and onward until some means of finding work for the breadwinners can be found. Here is a typical case from Wales: Husband, wife and four children. No unemployment benefit. Relief given at £1 per week. Rent takes 6s., leaving 14s. for six persons—an average of 2s. 4d. per week. Lord Mayor's Fund provided one pair of boots only. No shirts on boys' backs.

FERRY MISHAP AT CHEUNG CHAU.

MORNING STAR COLLIDES WITH FISHING JUNK.

COXSAIN INJURED.

Passengers and crew alike were considerably startled when an extraordinary mishap befel the Cheung Chau ferry "Morning Star" which was proceeding to Hong Kong in the early hours of this morning. The ferry, which formerly belonged to the Star Ferry Company, left the wharf at Cheung Chau at 3 a.m. and had been under way for 15 minutes when it came into collision with the stern of a fishing junk which was also making its way out of the harbour.

The sternpost of the fishing craft crashed through the wheel-house of the ferry on the upper deck, smashing one side and damaging the bulwark and the wooden structure overhead which supports the canvas awnings.

The coxswain on duty was knocked over and slightly hurt by the sternpost of the junk with the result that the ferry was temporarily out of control. The coxswain's cries brought the sailors to the scene and after attention had been given, the ferry resumed her journey to Hong Kong, arriving shortly after 4.30 a.m.

The terrible force of the crash on the upper deck was evident when the damage was viewed by a Telegraph representative this morning, but it is such that there will be no occasion to take the vessel off the run.

There were no Europeans on board, the hour being much too early. We understand that the accident has been reported to the Harbour authorities.

RAIN SPOILS M.C.C. FIXTURE.

ONLY 6 1/4 HOURS PLAY IN FOUR DAYS.

Sydney, Feb. 19.

Expected to provide one of the brightest fixtures of the M.C.C. tour, the match between New South Wales and Arthur Chapman's men was a failure, owing to rain.

The match has been abandoned as a draw after four days in which only six and a half hours of cricket was possible.

New South Wales opened on a bad wicket and suffered a complete collapse, the whole side being sent back for 128 runs. J. C. White proved the most effective bowler, taking five wickets for 48 runs.

The M.C.C. had made 144 for the loss of 4 wickets when rain intervened. The game was this morning abandoned owing to further heavy rain.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT'S RATE RELIEF BILL.

PASSES FINAL STAGES IN THE COMMONS.

London, Feb. 18.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's pious Measure, the Local Government Bill, by which it is hoped to relieve rates on industry and reform the system of local government in the British Isles, was read a third time in the House of Commons to-day, 292 voting for and 113 against.

A Labour amendment for the rejection of the Bill was defeated. The Measure now goes to the House of Lords.—*Reuter.*

DEFENCES OF PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

U.S. REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN AIRCRAFT.

Washington, Feb. 18.

President Coolidge has issued an order on behalf of the American Government regulating the flight of foreign aircraft over the Panama Canal Zone.

Foreign aircraft must travel by a specified route and must land at a certain spot before leaving the zone. Machines must not carry arms or war material, nor take photographs of any kind.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MURDER TRIAL COLLAPSES.

THE KENNEDY ROAD AFFAIR.

JURY SATISFIED WITHOUT HEARING DEFENCE.

ACCUSED ACQUITTED.

After the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) had indicated to the jury that he considered there was no evidence on which to convict Leung Fong of the Kennedy Road murder the jury decided this morning that they did not wish to hear the defence and returned a verdict of "Not Guilty." The prisoner was discharged.

The prisoner was alleged to have been one of two robbers who attacked a man named Fung Man-chiu while he was walking with a lady in Kennedy Road on February 22, 1928, and to have injured him.

SHANGHAI MOTOR-BUS ACCIDENT.

Former Customs Commissioner Seriously Hurt.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.

Mr. Vyvyan Dent, formerly Customs Commissioner, is lying in a dangerous condition at the General Hospital in consequence of a motor-bus accident.

It appears that as Mr. Dent was about to board the bus, the conductor impatiently beckoned to him to hurry, and, as the same time, signalled to the driver to start.

Mr. Dent was thrown and dragged several yards along the ground, his left leg being broken and his hand badly crushed, evidently being run over by the bus.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

slicted a fatal wound in the man's neck. Articles of jewellery taken from the woman were pawned.

This morning a witness named Lee Yuen-lau, who yesterday stated that he was given a pawn ticket by the prisoner relating to a stolen bracelet, was recalled at the request of the jury.

Borrowed Jewellery.

Witness was asked if he could give any reason why the prisoner gave the pawn ticket to him. He replied he was told by the prisoner that he had borrowed jewellery from a lady cousin.

After pointing out that witness had given that explanation before, his Lordship again put the question.

Witness replied: "I am his fold, and he said he would give it to me and I took it."

Replying to Mr. T. N. Thomas Tam, defending counsel, instructed by Mr. F. E. Nash, of Messrs. Woo and Nash, witness said it was generally known at the Naval Yard that the prisoner was going about confessing to the murder. (This question related to evidence given by witness yesterday when he declared that the prisoner had confessed to the crime).

Detective's Evidence.

Detective Sergt. Shek Tai stated that he received a pawn ticket for the stolen bracelet from Lee Yuen-lau on November 9. He was not asked for the ticket.

Explaining why Lee Yuen-lau handed over the ticket, witness said that he was standing under the verandah of No. 163, Queen's Road East and was watching for Lee. Witness stopped Lee as he was walking down the stairs. As the result of a conversation, he produced the ticket with which the bracelet was redeemed.

Witness also spoke of visiting other pawnshops and examining the books. Detective Inspector L.P. Lane spoke of going to the scene of the murder where, he said, he found Fung Man-chiu who was still alive but unable to speak. Witness took the man to the Government Civil Service. (Continued on Page 8.)

TROTSKY'S FLIGHT FROM RUSSIA.

PRESENCE IN TURKEY IS FULLY VOUCHERED.

SEEKING SANCTUARY.

London, Feb. 18. Doubts cast on Reuter's recent report of the arrival in Constantinople of Trotsky, the Communist "renegade," and of his subsequent detention at the Soviet Consulate, have been dispelled.

It has been rumoured in London that Trotsky has never left Russia, but Reuter's Moscow correspondent to-day transmits an official report, published in the Russian newspapers, stating that Trotsky has been exiled from Russia for his anti-Soviet activities.

At first, Moscow sought to deny the story of Trotsky's departure, but a message from Constantinople states that there is not the slightest doubt that Trotsky is at present in the city.

Further confirmation is obtained from Berlin, where it is authoritatively stated that Herr Loebe, the President of the Reichstag has received a telegram from Trotsky, stating that he has asked the German Consulate for a permit to go to Germany.

Herr Loebe, it is understood, has handed the telegram to the Cabinet with a recommendation that a permit should be granted.—*Reuter.*

GEORGE DUNCAN NOW FREE LANCE.

FAMOUS GOLF PROFESSIONAL AND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

London, Feb. 18.

The famous British golf professional, George Duncan, has announced that he has severed his connexion with the Wentworth Club, where he had been the leading professional for many years.

He intends, he says, to play as a free lance, giving himself greater freedom for the championships and the various tournaments, and facilitating his work as the captain of the British Ryder Cup team, which is meeting the American professionals this year.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S DEATH.

SIR FRANCIS BRIDGEMAN PASSES AWAY.

London, Feb. 18.

The death is reported from Nassau, the Bahamas, of Admiral Sir Francis Charles Bridgeman, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom.—*Reuter.*

Admiral Bridgeman, who was born in 1848, entered the Navy in 1862 and became Rear-Admiral in 1903. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet from 1907 to 1909, First Lord of the Admiralty in 1911-12 and again in Command of the Home Fleet in 1911.

R.A.F. OFFICER SAFE AT PESHAWAR.

AFTER FORTNIGHT IN HANDS OF AFGHAN TRIBES.

New Delhi, Feb. 18.

Flight-Lieutenant Chapman, who was in charge of the troop carrying plane which made a forced landing in Afghanistan recently, has been brought to Peshawar by a rescuing machine.

His colleague, Flying Officer Davis, was rescued a few days ago. They spent over a fortnight in the hands of friendly tribesmen, though at one time there was a story that they would be held for ransom.—*Reuter.*

CUBAN SUGAR OUTPUT.

Havana, Feb. 18.

The Cuban Agricultural Department has issued a statement to the effect that the Cuban sugar-grinding season will conclude on March 28th, with a total output of 4,600,000 tons.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OVER EIGHT MILES OF STANDS.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR OPENS.

PRINCE APPEALS FOR AID TO THE UNEMPLOYED.

FOREIGN INTEREST.

London, Feb. 18. At a magnificent Government banquet given at the Mansion House to exhibitors and buyers at the British Industries Fair, which opened simultaneously in London and Birmingham this morning, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales made a forceful appeal on behalf of the unemployed.

The Prince dealt at some length with the objects of the Fair, and went on to appeal to everyone in Britain and the Dominions to assist in any and every way possible in finding a solution of the problem of providing work for ap-

YANGTZE RAPIDS BLOCKED.

"Pingfu" Ashore, Lying Across Channel.

Naval wireless messages from the Upper Yangtze state that the Kung Ling Tin Rapids are blocked, and all up and down traffic is held up by the s.s. "Pingfu." This vessel is badly ashore, and is lying across the channel, obstructing traffic.

A report from Chefoo states that the east beach and the harbour are clear of ice. Regarding the military operations in this area, it is stated that the attacking forces are now at Pachiao, about halfway between Penglai and Chefoo.

SKATING RACE ON A RESERVOIR.

MR. C. HORN TAKES ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Feb. 18.

The British amateur quarter-mile ice-skating championship was held on the Ruislip Reservoir to-day, C. Horn, of Upwell, the holder of titles at most other distances, again capturing the laurels.

The result was as follows:
C. Horn (Upwell) 1
Time: 40 2/5ths secs.
G. Martin (Cambridge) 2
Time: 40 3/5ths seconds.
F. Bott (Leicester) 3
Time: 44 seconds.

In a mile exhibition over a three-turn course, Horn completed the distance in 3 minutes 11 3/5ths seconds, thus setting up a new record for British amateur. The previous best time held by himself was 3 minutes 12 seconds.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY CONDITIONS BETTER.

THE PATHANS WERE NOT AGGRESSIVE.

London, Feb. 18.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Earl Winterston, Under-Secretary for India, said a telegram which had been received stated that the conditions in Bombay were approaching normal on February 16th.

He denied that there was a question of the Government having imported or assisted in importing any one to take the place of the strikers.

The Pathans were perfectly entitled to such work as was offered to them. He had enquired whether there was any truth in the statement that they had acted in any way aggressively. He was assured this was not so. When the pathans commenced work, they were stoned by strikers.—*British Wireless.*

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

EXPERTS CONSIDER 4 ECONOMIC ISSUES.

London, Feb. 18.

The Committee of Experts on Reparations held a further meeting in Paris this morning to examine certain questions left in abeyance last week connected with the general expose of the economic and financial situation of Germany given by the German delegation.

These questions bear more particularly upon Germany's trade account.—*British Wireless.*

Dominions Artistry.

The remarkable point about these Dominions exhibits is the cleverness of the scenic arrangements, obtained by paintings and other things, grouping of fruit and other things. (Continued on Page 14.)

THE "SUI TAI" FIRE RECALLED.

WHY REBUILDING WAS DECIDED ON.

LOSS OF ONLY FOUR MONTHS' EARNING CAUSED.

STEAMBOAT MEETING.

Reference to the fire on the s.s. Sui Tai was made at the annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. held this morning, when the Chairman, Mr. T. G. Wynn, said that the question of laying down new tonnage for the Macao run to meet the demands of modern conditions and increasing trade came up for close consideration after the fire, but it was decided to rebuild the Sui Tai, one of the deciding factors being that she would only be four months out of commission, while a new ship would have taken a year to complete.

The Chairman was supported by Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. A. B. Stewart, Mr. Li Tse-fong (Directors) and Mr. John Arnold (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. Owen Hughes, L. S. Greenhill, K. Stuart-Smith, C. B. Brown, Lo Kait-hong and T. P. Fong.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The net profit for the year under review, after deducting interest, repairs, depreciation, etc., amounts to \$106,903.68 and with the balance from last account, viz. \$11,197.15, there remains for appropriation the sum of \$118,100.83.

Your Directors have pleasure in recommending payment of a dividend of \$1 per share on 80,000 shares, absorbing \$80,000 and that the balance of \$38,100.83 be carried forward to a new account.

The accounts before you reflect the loss of about four months' earnings of the Sui Tai, but do not include the cost of reconditioning the steamer after the serious fire in August last. The bulk of this sum is recoverable from our underwriters but a portion will be charged to our insurance reserve and a sum representing the cost of improvements will be added to the book value of the vessel. These figures will appear in the balance sheet for 1929.

Uninterrupted Trading.

It is pleasing to note that investment fluctuation account shows an increase of \$12,998.35 and now stands at \$368,331.23. It has not been considered necessary on this occasion to appropriate any sums for floating staff pension fund or shore staff superannuation fund, which are ample for present requirements.

Your fleet and property have been maintained in first-class condition and depreciation has been provided for on the usual scale.

Although trade generally in the Delta during the past year has only been moderately good and competition keen, we have had a complete year's uninterrupted trading with free movements of passengers and freight.

The three difficult years 1925/27 have been weathered and, although shareholders have had to forego any return on their capital, it is gratifying to note that your Company is once more on a sound financial basis and so long as peaceful trading conditions in South China continue, we may look forward to the future with more confidence.

New Tonnage Question.

The question of laying down new tonnage for the Macao run to meet the demands of modern conditions and increasing trade very naturally came up for the closest possible consideration after the Sui Tai fire. On examination, the hull and engines of this vessel were found to be in good condition and the damage sustained in the fire did not permit of our abandoning the ship as a constructive total loss. It was therefore decided to rebuild on improved lines with steel superstructure and increased accommodation, and, on being placed once more on the run (Continued on Page 8.)

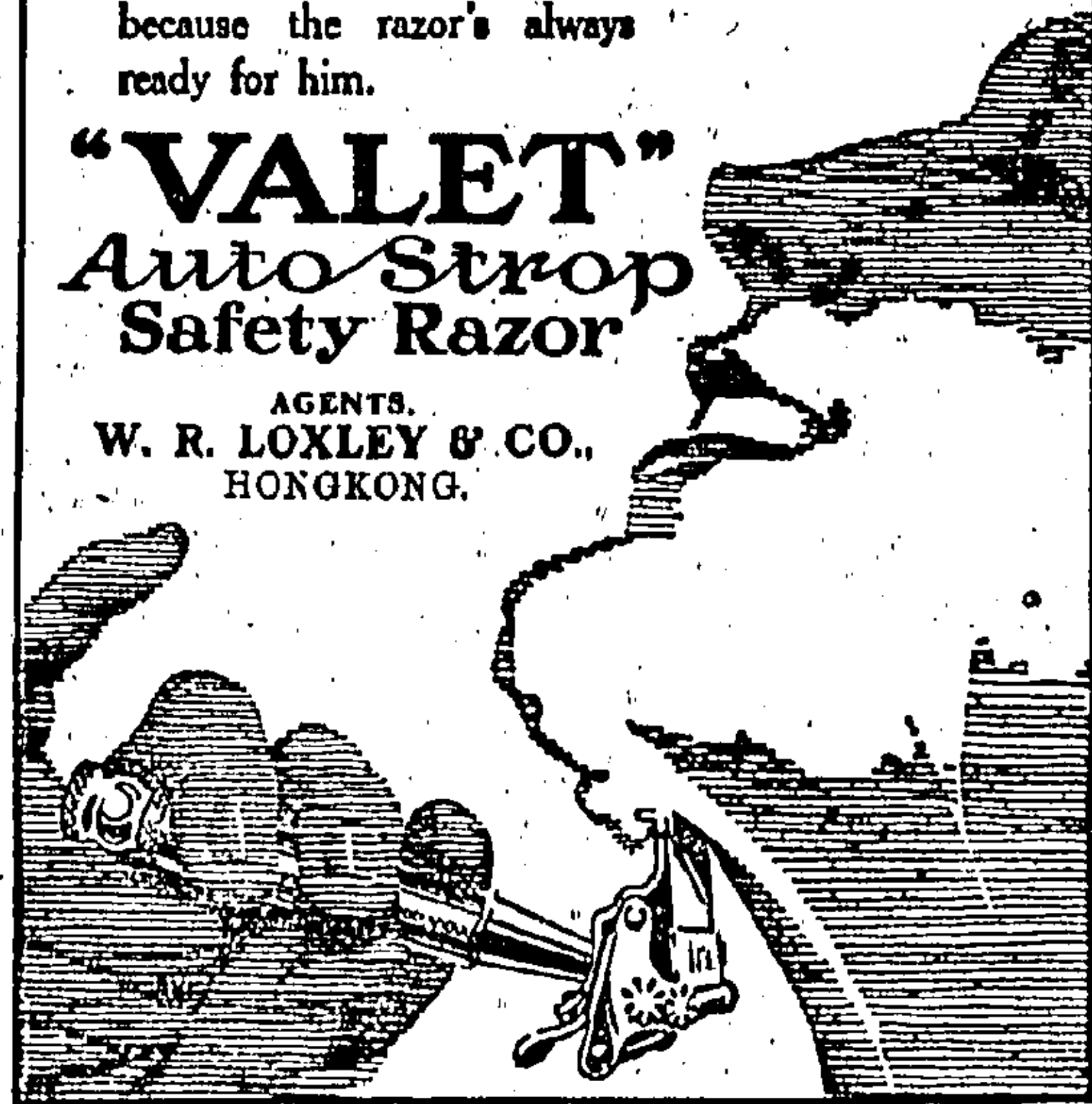
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TABLET UNVEILED BY MR.
HO KOM-TONG.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The unveiling ceremony of a commemorative tablet at the Helena May Institute last evening was one of more than ordinary significance. Besides celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the foundation of the Helena May Institute, the occasion was marked by the fact that honorary membership of the Institute was conferred on Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, wife of one of the two principal benefactors of the Institute.

A third aspect of last evening's gathering was to congratulate Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, M.B.E., the retiring vice-president, and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, M.B.E., on the honours conferred on them for their work in connexion with the Shanghai Defence Force. Both of these ladies have also worked strenuously on behalf of the Institute.

Before the ceremony commenced the large gathering present sat down to tea in the large hall of the Institute. All nationals resident in Hongkong were represented in the gathering. Those present included:—Mrs. Southern (President of the Institute) and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, His Honour Mr. Justice and Mrs. J. R. Wood (Vice-President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy and Mrs. Greasy (Chairman, House Committee), Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mrs. E. Cock (hon. secretary), Mrs. R. I. Kotewall, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Branga, Mr. A. el Arculli, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Chev. J. M. Alves, Mr. Tang Shuk-kin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleming, Col. and Mrs. Wyatt.

The following telegram has been received from Lady May, who had been acquainted with yesterday's meeting:—"Affectionate greetings to all. (Sd.) Helena May."

A telegram had also been received from Sir Ellis Kadoorie, brother of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, reading: "Regret unable to attend; wish every success to the Helena May Institute and its excellent work. (Signed) Kadoorie."

Mrs. Southern's Speech.

Supported by members of the Committee, Mrs. Southern took her seat on the platform. On rising to deliver the opening speech, she was loudly applauded. Mrs. Southern said:

I feel very sensible of the honour and the good fortune that have befallen me in presiding this afternoon as a comparative newcomer to the Colony—it is only owing to the absence of our President, Lady Clement, that I occupy the chair to-day. We regret greatly that Lady Clement is not with us on this memorable occasion but we know she is with us in spirit for the Helena May Institute is very dear to her heart.

It may, perhaps, seem inappropriate that one like myself unacquainted personally with Lady May should take this prominent part to-day, but it may interest those present to know that years ago, when the prospect of my living in Hongkong had never crossed my mind, I was brought into contact with the good work of Lady May. I was writing in the Children's magazine *Little Folks* to inspire its readers to collect for the Little Folks' Ward in the Queen's Hospital for children, and among the most ardent contributors to the fund were Lady May's little daughters. So that letters between Government House, Hongkong, and myself were freely exchanged and it seems a queer coincidence that I should just have spent several months in Gov-

ernment House, which in those days was only a name to me. So I may almost claim to know Lady May. I have certainly as much claim to knowledge of someone I have never seen as a gentleman in Ceylon who was anxious to get a post. He went to a friend of ours and mentioned some distinguished man as a reference. "Do you really know the Chief Justice," said our friend. "I know him more or less," was the answer, "having spoken to him once on the telephone." Well I think my claim is better than that. But in any case it is not necessary to know Lady May personally to appreciate her splendid work for Hongkong or the affection and esteem in which she was held in this Colony.

The Helena May Institute is the concrete embodiment of Lady May's influence here. It originated with two of her friends, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who is, alas, no longer with us, and Mr. Ho Kom-tong, whom we are delighted to see here to-day. Mr. Ho Kom-tong's support of good work in the Colony is too well known to need many words from me. Whether it is Helena May or the St. John Ambulance or flower-growing or racing, Mr. Ho Kom-tong throws himself wholeheartedly into things and brings in addition a perennially cheerful spirit which is good work in itself.

Justified Its Existence.

To return to this Institute. It was Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Ho Kom-tong who set the ball rolling with munificent donations. It was they who made the Helena May Institute a practical proposition and with the generous assistance of many others, it rose into being and was opened in September, 1916. It was intended as an instrument by which Lady May could carry on the great work of social service in which she was engaged so wholeheartedly. It was to serve a two-fold purpose, firstly, it was to provide a safe and fitting dwelling for women and girls working in offices and schools far away from their homes and kindred in Europe. Lady May realized the difficulties that beset women and girls in such a position and the hostel has amply justified its existence. It is so full at the moment that the Religious Committee has had to hold its meetings in the dining room and could not be given the special room it would like. This defect we hope to remedy when the alterations are complete. And while on this subject may I throw out a hint that a hostel of this kind is urgently needed in Kowloon—a dream of the future—which we trust may be realised.

A Social Centre.

The second motive for the creation of this Institute was to provide a social centre, a meeting place for women of all races and denominations. This side of the Helena May is still capable of development, but during the past year we have been able to assemble within its walls women—and men of all the nations that make Hongkong so intensely cosmopolitan, and so intensely interesting to those of us who like to feel we are not only loyal sons and daughters of our own country but also citizens of the world. We hope that in the future the Helena May will strengthen the bonds of international friendship by means of social intercourse and the links of music, art and literature, and social service.

I will not keep you much longer, but before calling on Mr. Ho Kom-tong to unveil the tablet I will refer to another aspect of to-day's gathering—a temporary farewell to two devoted friends of the Institute, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Alabaster. We take this opportunity of publicly congratulating them on the honour conferred upon them by His Majesty for arduous and valuable work in connexion with the Shanghai Defence Force. We wish them an enjoyable well-earned holiday. We shall miss them very much and we look for-

ward to their return. In addition, I am requested by the Committee to ask Mrs. Ho Kom-tong to accept honorary membership of the Helena May Institute, which owes so much to her husband.

I now call upon Mr. Ho Kom-tong to unveil the tablet, so that there may be a permanent record in the building of the origin of this invaluable asset in the life of Hongkong. (Applause).

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Speech.

In reply, Mr. Ho Kom-tong said: At the opening of this building on 12th September, 1916, I had the honour and pleasure of being the speaker on that occasion. Once again I am privileged to be the spokesman at this unveiling ceremony. As I said in 1916, speaking on behalf of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Kt., and others who made themselves responsible for the erection of this building, the object was to erect some permanent memorial of the high esteem and affectionate regard in which Lady May was held for her devoted services rendered to the Colony. That memorial took the form of this building. With us the Government of Hongkong co-operated by granting the free lease of this most beautiful and centrally situated site. The gracious lady whose name is thus enshrined in this building, was indeed remarkable for her wisdom, wide sympathy and kindly concern for the welfare of those among whom she lived for so many years in Hongkong. Those lovely surroundings, the charming outlook and environment, the fair approaches, the advancement of understanding and good will and concord as revealed in the activities of this Institute, have precisely succeeded in expressing and conveying the spirit and understanding of Lady May as the first President of this Institute. Great as is our admiration for the lady in whose honour this edifice stands in Hongkong for all the good that it implies for present and future generations of women, I am happy to think that the members of the Helena May Institute can be congratulated on having in the incumbent president, Mrs. Southern, a worthy successor in the truest sense of the word. Evidences there are of innumerable occasions when Mrs. Southern has manifested the same genuine and profound interest in the significance of the activities in this Institute and the promise and fulfilment of its ideals.

Mrs. Southern's Services.

Mrs. Southern, ever since her arrival in the Colony, has devoted herself wholeheartedly to carry on the good work of the Institute and keep alive its object of increasing benefit to the position of women either resident in or passing through the Colony. More than that, Mrs. Southern is a staunch and active worker in the removal of that social barrier that has hitherto kept the women of different races apart in Hongkong. She has created within these walls an atmosphere of a Hongkong Social League of Nations as many more people than I can testify.

We must all regret the absence from this function of Lady Clement, who took so keen a personal interest in the Institute from the moment she returned to the Colony with Sir Cecil as its esteemed Governor. No inconsiderable credit is also due to Lady Clement for her valued contribution towards the service and progress of this Institute. And her name will long be remembered and cherished in connexion therewith.

Closer Understanding.

My fervent hope is that, as time goes on, this Institute will be more and more an important centre for social service and cementing closer and better understanding between Western and Chinese women. In the personal experience of my family and relatives the changes have been remarkable. The Helena May Institute stands for the greatest influence as a

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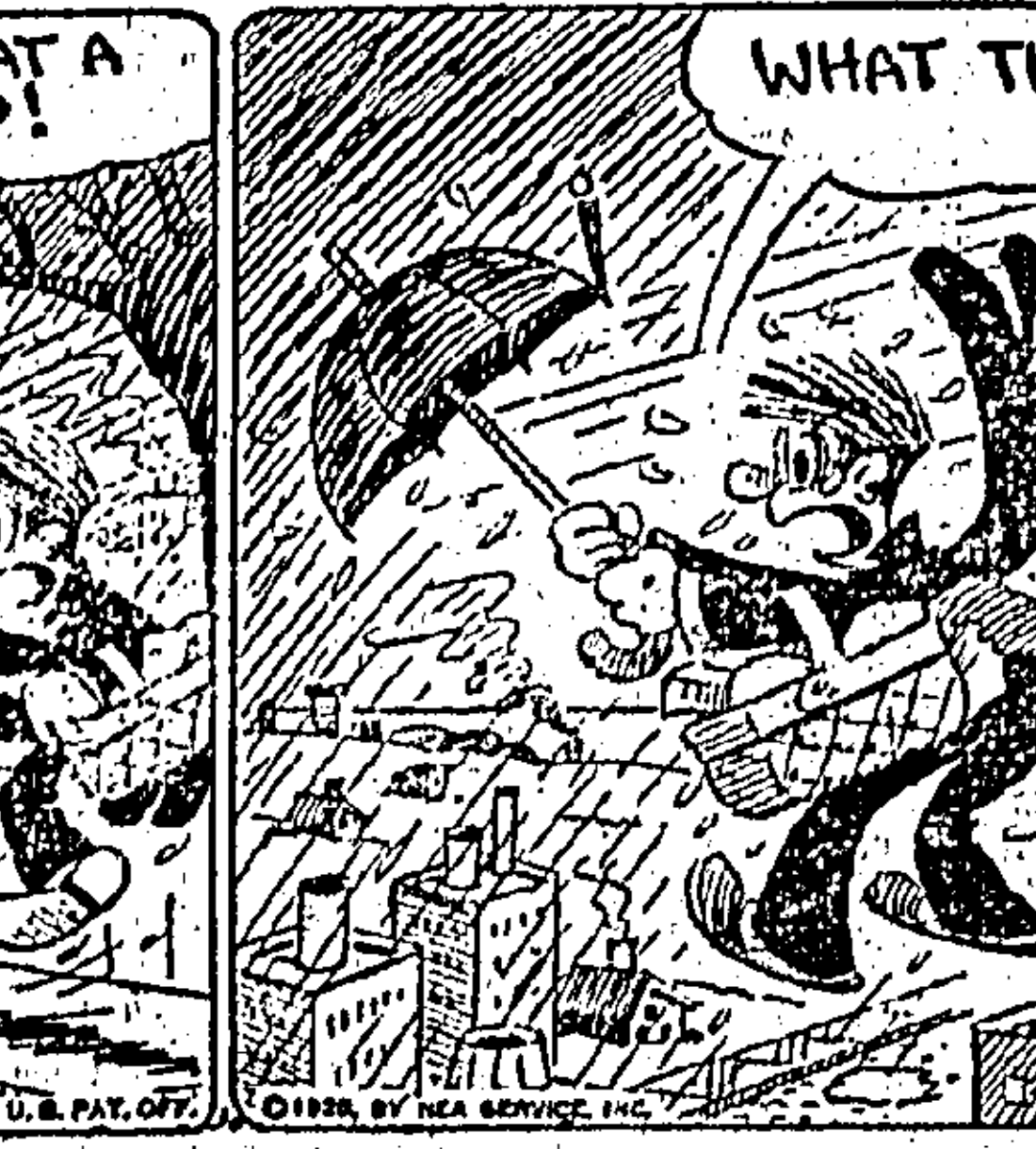
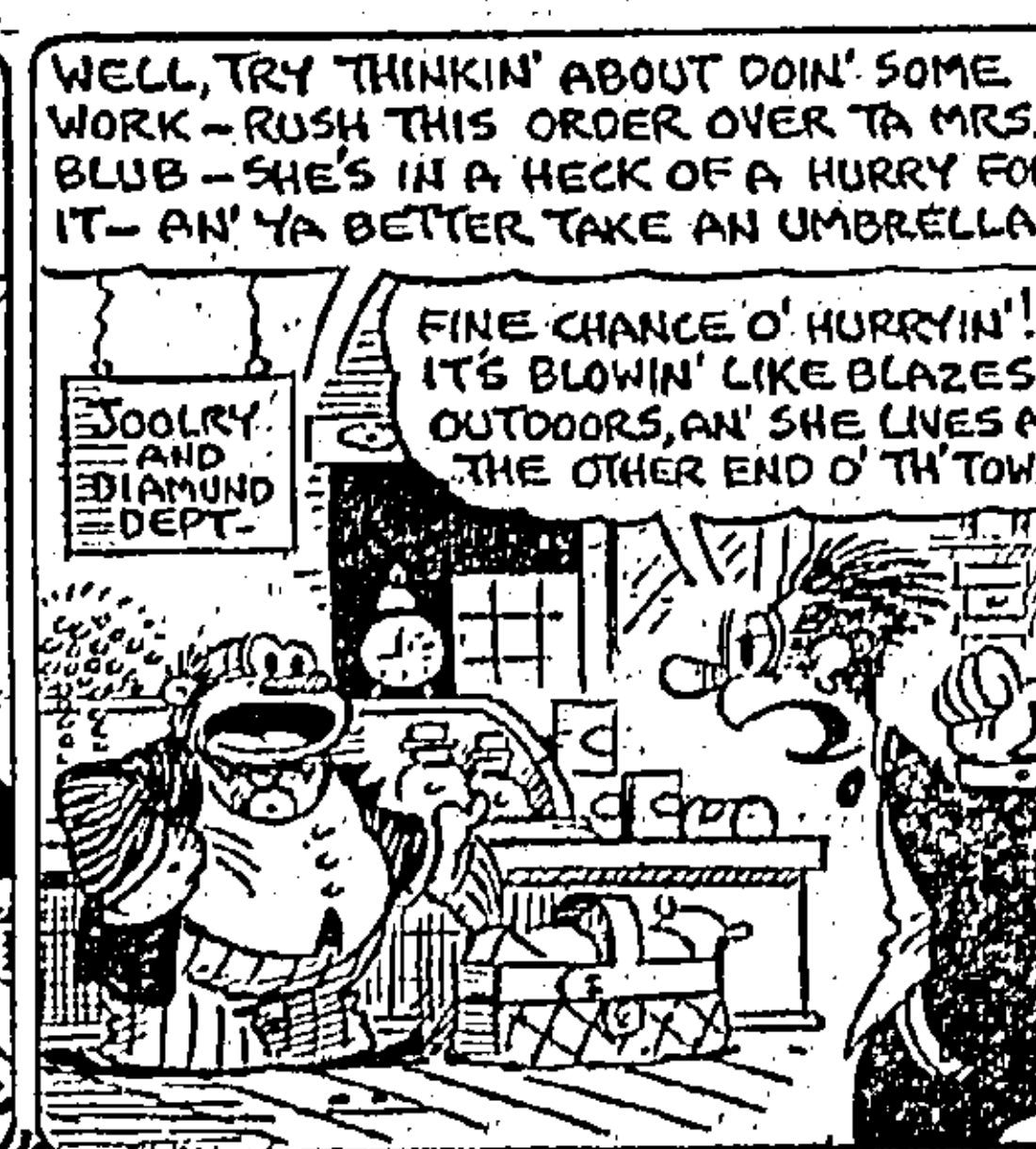
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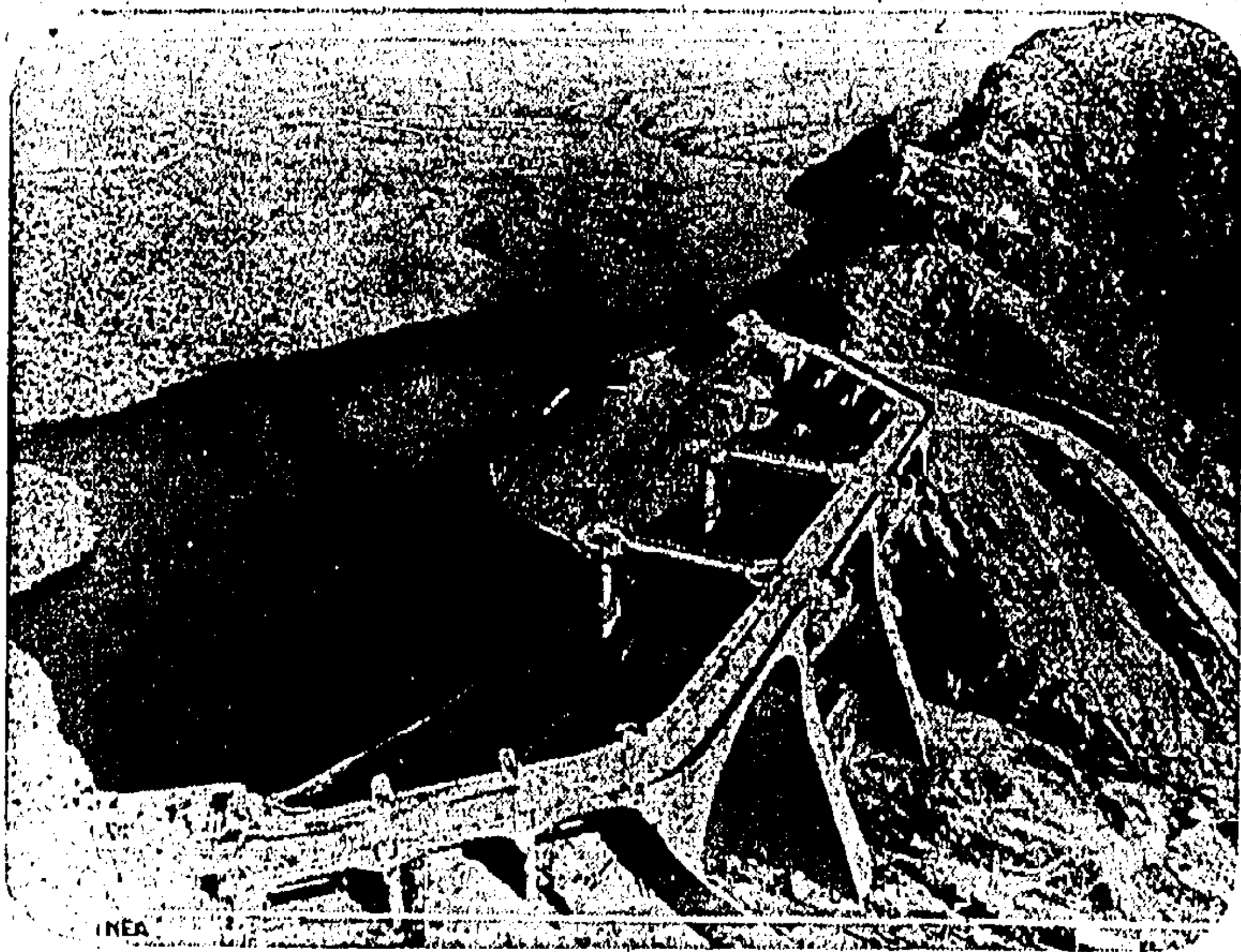


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Two hundred and fifty people lost their lives and more than 600 were injured in the disastrous earthquake in Chile recently. Extensive damage was done, particularly in the towns of Curico and Talca. Our photograph shows the wrecked Municipal Theatre at Curico.



The above photographs were taken during the Shanghai Light Horse Point-to-Point for the Ralph Challenge Cup, which was won by Corporal Landale on Black Beetle.



The latest photograph of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, whose appeal on behalf of the Marston House Miners' Relief Fund has met, with a wonderful response from all over the world.



Our picture shows the ruins of the Gary Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church at Wheaton, Illinois, which was destroyed by fire recently.



A group of interested spectators of the recent Light Horse Point-to-Point in Shanghai.



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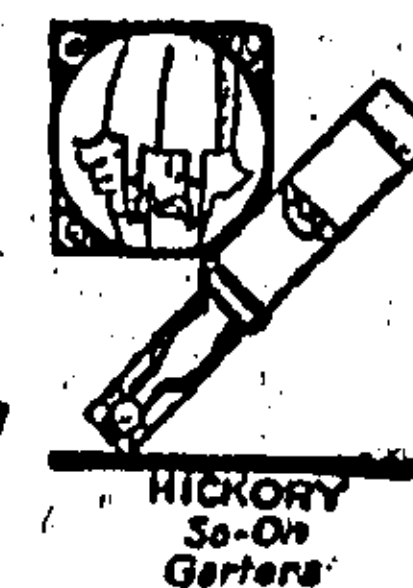
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of shareholders in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 6th floor, Pedder Building, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1929, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st 1928, and to elect two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1929, until Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. L. KING, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5th, 1929.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 11th February, to Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1929.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, the following resolution was passed, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.15 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES,

Chief Manager.
Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 7th March, 1929, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 25th February, 1929, to Thursday, the 7th March, 1929, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELLI, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting, 1929.

25th, 26th, 27th, February & 2nd March, 1929.

The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

To-day, & To-morrow the 19th and 20th February, 1929,

commencing each day at 10.30 a.m. at The Tai-Koo Sugar Refinery, Quarry Bay.

A Large Quantity of Surplus Stores.

Comprising:—Engine Packing, Roofing, Wire netting, Pipe fittings, Belting, Bolts, Nuts and Washers, Electric cable, Lead covered wire, Copper sheets, Rubber, Brass wire Gauze, Insulators, Steel, Boiler tubes, Zinc Sheets, Electrical fittings, Muntz metal, Small tools, Stocks and Dies, Screws (Brass and Iron), Brass Hinges, Woodlute Pump Caps, Lubricators Glass, Rubber Valves, Emory wheels, Gauges, and Valves Gauge glasses, Steel window and skylight frames etc., etc.

One 60 H.P. B.T.H. Induction Motor. 580 R.P.M., 440 v. 77 Amp, 60 cye 3 Phase.

On view on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th February.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1929, at 12 o'clock Noon,

at The Tai-Koo Sugar Refinery, Quarry Bay.

One "Buick" 7-Seater Motor Car, in good condition.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY, the 20th February 1929, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at "Cornhill" (above the Tai-Koo Dock), Shaukiwan Road

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

Comprising:—Teak hatstand, Chesterfield Couch, and Chairs, Teak dining table, Teak chairs, Oak Sideboard, Brass, Curtain poles, Carpets, Rugs, Carpets, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc. Brass and Iron Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobes with bevelled mirror, Teak dressing tables, Marble top washstands, Upholstered armchairs, Teak chest-of-drawers, etc., etc.

also One Refrigerator by Crystal & Co. (Some of the furniture by Lane, Crawford Ltd., and Wm. Powell Ltd.)

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Tuesday the 19th February.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY, the 21st February, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

87 Tins each 500 "Gold Flake" Cigarettes.

109 Tins each 500 "Three Castles" Cigarettes.

196 Tins each 50 "Three Castles" Cigarettes.

7 Tins each 500 "Capstan" Cigarettes.

140 Tins each 50 "Capstan" Cigarettes.

18 Sacks Flour.

9 Bags Wheat.

4 Bags Bran.

also A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods and Furniture.

(for account of the concerned.) 4 Pieces Poplin, more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

The College will re-open at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 25th February. There will be Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boards and Day-boys) at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd February, at Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY,

the 22nd February, 1929,

commencing at 5.15 p.m.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View from Thursday, the 21st February, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 22nd February, 1929,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand with Bevelled Mirror, Glass Cabinets, Tapestry Covered Armchairs and Couch, Pianos, Gramophones, Sewing Machines, Desks, Bookcases, Oil Paintings, Chinese Hand Paintings in Blackwood Frames, Porcelain Vases and Ornaments, Steel Cabin Trunks, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Glass Ware, etc., etc. Brass, Teak and Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Commodes, Toilet Crockery, etc., etc.

and

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Thursday, the 21st February, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

EXECUTIONER'S WEAK HEART.

"M. DE PARIS" SEEKS TO EXIT TENANT.

Paris, Dec. 27. Deliber, the public executioner, will be the first plaintiff of the New Year in the Paris courts. "M. de Paris," who lives in a private house, seeks to evict a tenant, Mme. Jean, from the ground floor flat of a block of flats of which he is also proprietor. He suffers, according to his statement, from an over sensitive heart, and a nervous affection which makes it dangerous for him to walk upstairs. Consequently he must get a ground floor residence, and demands that rented by Mme. Jean for his own use.

Deliber, it appears, can only use his right arm sufficient, fortunately for him, to push the button that actuates the mechanism perfected by himself of "La Veuve." His counsel is confident that unless the judges have the hearts of executioners they will consider the request of "M. de Paris" legitimate.



Beauty doctors are always discovering a new wrinkle in their business.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so supercribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word.

and

(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

It is hereby notified that on and after 30th January radio telegrams will be accepted for transmission to Swatow at \$0.20 per word. The receiving station will collect the charge due to its Service.

It is hereby notified that direct wireless communication has been established between Hongkong and the Kwai Tsai Stations at Wuchow, Nanning and Luchow—the charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwai-Yang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.20 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressees for delivery service.

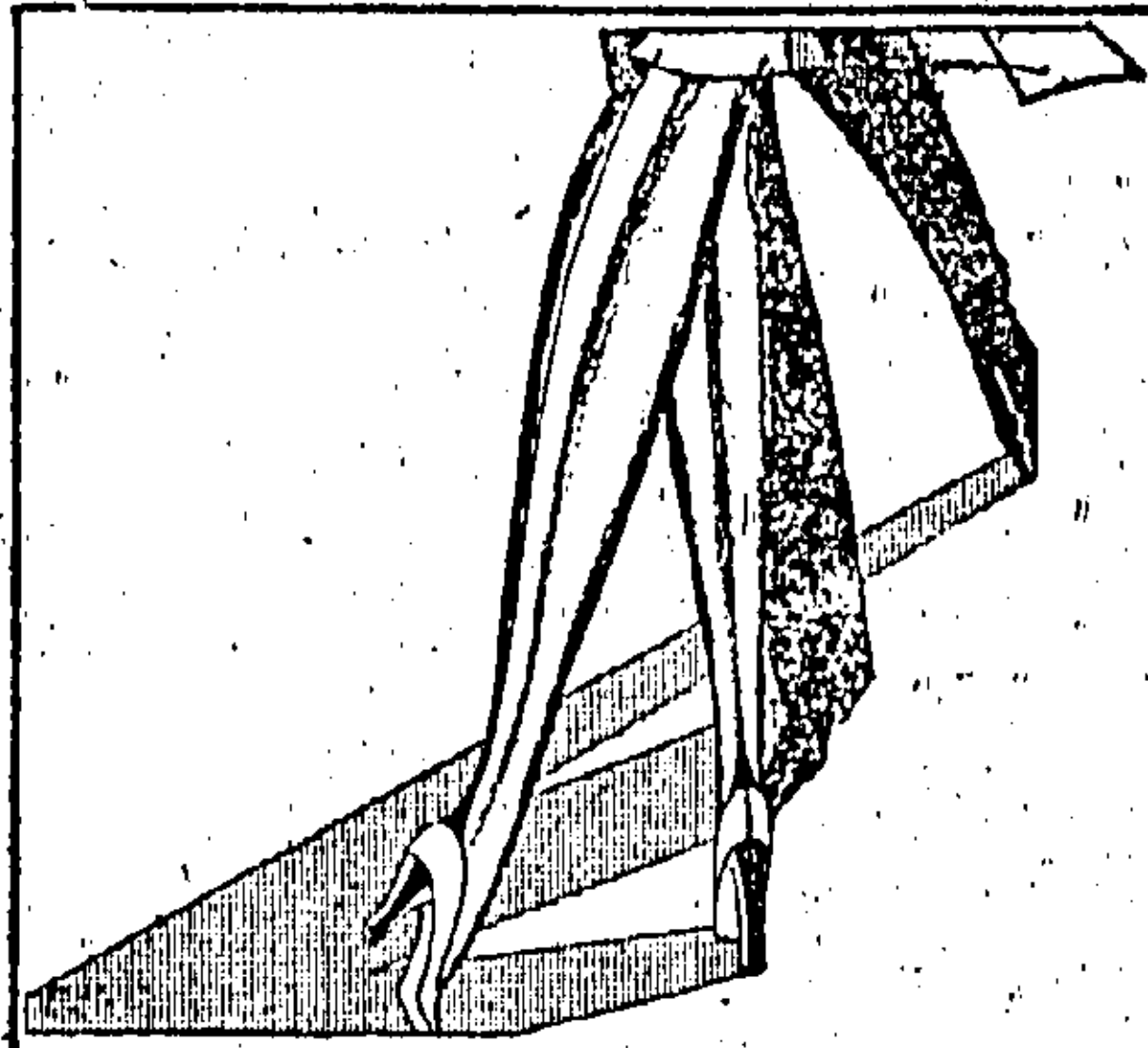
The usual morning mail to Macao will not be dispatched on Tuesday, the 19th and Wednesday, the 20th instant.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan	Kaga Maru	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	February 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	February 21.
Europe via Negapatam. (Letters only London 25th January)	Talma	February 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	February 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Ruth Alexander	February 23.
Straits	Mirzapore	February 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jackson	February 25.
Shanghai	Compiègne	February 26.
Manila and Australia	St. Albans	March 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	March 7.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Tues, Feb. 19, K. P. O. Registration 3 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. G. P. O. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 20th March).
Saigon	Solviken	Tues, Feb. 19, 8.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Shinyo Maru	Tues, Feb. 19, Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco, March 15.)
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues, Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Shinyo Maru	Tues, Feb. 19, Letters 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hopang	Tues, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Nowchwang	Tues, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed, Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Hanoi	Wed, Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kaga Maru	Wed, Feb. 20, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island March 4.)
Straits	Sumatra Maru	Wed, Feb. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Klungchow	Wed, Feb. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Theondari	Wed, Feb. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremerhaven	Wed, Feb. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs, Feb. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chengtu	Thurs, Feb. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri, Feb. 22, 2 p



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FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Night-blue charmeuse is used for the main part of this most effective dinner gown. The fitting bodice is trimmed with a design in diamante, which also forms the narrow belt at normal waistline. Insertions and a deep hem of night-blue net adorn the circular skirt.

Growing Old.

PETER PAN WOMEN.

In the life of every woman there comes a moment when she realises, however unwillingly, that she is growing old.

Usually she has only herself to blame, because it is in the power of every woman to remain young, despite advancing years.

Youthfulness is not merely a question of rejuvenated physical appearance, though this helps; it is essentially a matter of keeping the mind keen. Many women do not realise this fact, and that is why they grow old too soon.

Beauty specialists and their treatments are not within the reach of every woman; even nowadays, but every woman can keep abreast of the times.

The woman who never grows old is she who keeps thoroughly up-to-date. She reads the new books, knows to-day's dances, can discuss the latest play, and studies this year's fashions.

Retains Enthusiasm.

She retains her enthusiasm, and can enter into every detail of the young lives around her; she never damps their ardour, she knows what it is to be young herself.

Young people love her, she is "so understanding," "such a chum." She always seems to see their point of view, and, even though she may not agree with them in everything, she nevertheless refrains from telling them what was or was not done in her young days.

This Peter Pan woman is careful to preserve her optimistic outlook on things; she never loses faith in life, in people, or in herself.

She takes a keen interest in everyone and everything, and discusses all the leading questions and topics of the day.

Such a woman never loses her mental elasticity never allows her ideas to get too fixed. She knows that if once her mind becomes a

Shampoos.

BY A BEAUTY EXPERT.

Dry-cleaning the hair is a craze that is increasing. Possibly, it was to save precious pennies from the hairdresser's bill that it began. We all know that some waves will not behave after a shampoo, and a dry-clean certainly lengthens the time between them.

The following is a splendid liquid one. Dissolve a quarter of an ounce of borax in a tablespoonful, or rather more, of hot rain-water. Add to it two ounces of bay rum. Crush a square of camphor very fine, and add it to a powder. Add to it the mixture, and thoroughly shake the bottle.

When required shake the bottle. Pour about a tablespoonful into a saucer, and add the same quantity of rain-water. Part the strands, and with a pad soaked in the mixture, rub the scalp all over. Follow this up by two or three minutes massage, and set the waves with the combs. When dry it will be delightfully soft and clean looking. It is a useful method for sick people, or when a shampoo is inconvenient.

If a powder shampoo is preferred, mix thoroughly half an ounce of fine powdered starch, with the same quantity of orris root, and add to it a square of camphor crushed very fine. Keep in an air-tight tin, and when required, spray the powder over the hair at night, brushing it out next morning.

groove, her youthfulness is lost for ever, no matter how fresh her face may be.

She has her own ideas, and definite personal opinions, but she retains her mental receptiveness by keeping the door of her mind always open to new ideas and fresh points of view.

A woman must begin even at thirty to guard against the secret invasion of age, lest it creep upon her unawares.

Practical Experience.

"HALF TIME AT THE RIGHT TIME."

Speaking at the annual conference of the National Union of Women Teachers at Buxton recently, Mr. James Graham, Director of Education for the City of Leeds, recalled the fact that twenty years ago he had raised the cry of "half-time at the right time" as the best solution of the problem of educating the boy or girl who is to enter the business or industrial world, and he stated that now, after what experience we have had of secondary education, he is more than ever convinced that along these lines lies the solution of many of our most pressing economic problems.

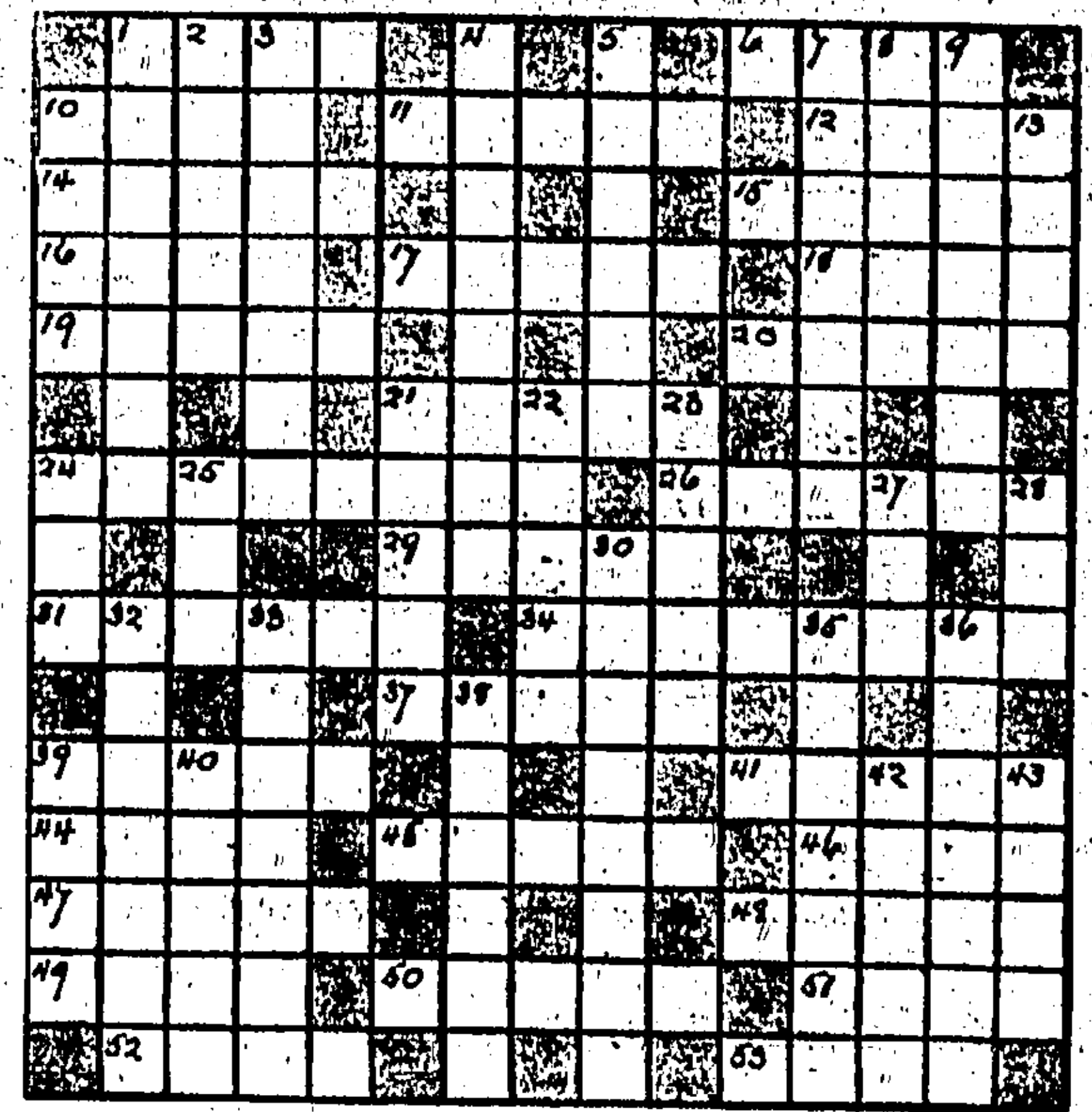
No one who is in a position to see the actual working of the business world, and to note the part played in it by the young people who have just left school, will doubt, I think, that if success in the office or at business, combined with a half-day at school during the last couple of years of school life is an arrangement likely to prove a thousand times more beneficial to the boy or girl worker than years of study at school without practical experience in the actual environment of office, shop, or workshop.

I would even go so far as to say that, now that conditions are so much improved for most workers, a whole day at work where the hours were not too long, would be better in the end for the youth than a whole day at school, except in very exceptional circumstances. —H. M. In Exchange.



Coarse black silk lace is used for the flounced skirt, the yoke and long, fitting sleeves of this pretty model, the remainder of the gown being in soft black satin—a useful toilet for numerous afternoon and evening occasions.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

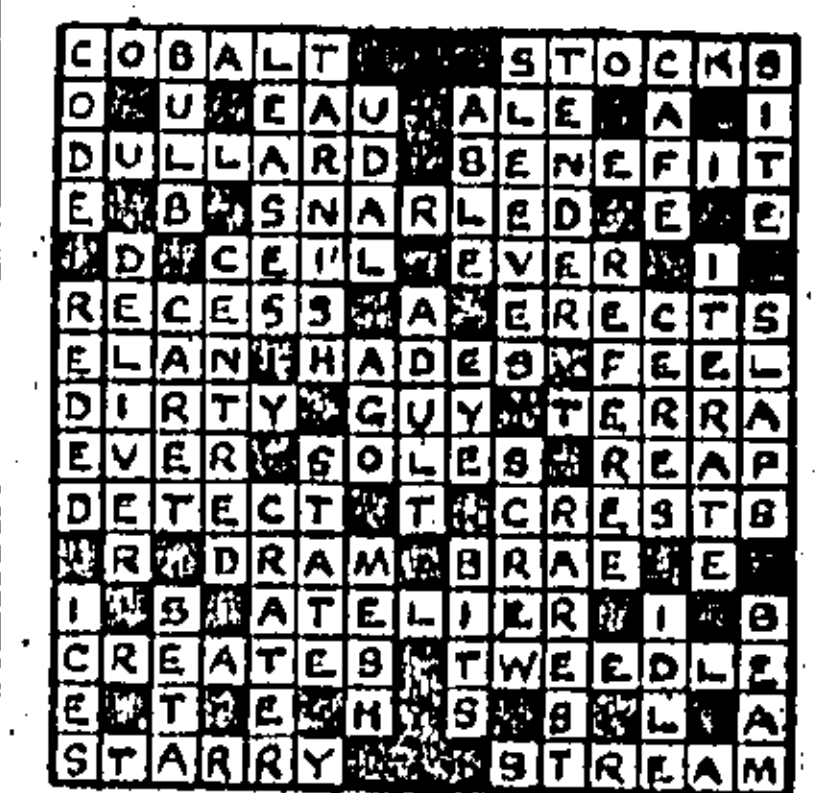
- 1 Most good.
- 2 Assortments.
- 3 Residence.
- 4 Guide.
- 5 Fastens.
- 6 Vetches.
- 7 French measure.
- 8 Sea-eagle.
- 9 Commonplace.
- 10 Speak enthusiastically.
- 11 Bundles of straw.
- 12 Indian coins.
- 13 Prevaricators.
- 14 Curtains.
- 15 Taste.
- 16 Nimble.
- 17 Peeped.
- 18 Manx judge.
- 19 Exhaust.
- 20 Bequeath.
- 21 Challenged.
- 22 Land measure.
- 23 Throws.
- 24 Weight of package.
- 25 French unit of solid measure.
- 26 Steps of a ladder.
- 27 Grief.
- 28 Doctrine.
- 29 Smoke.
- 30 Rapid movement.
- 31 Require.

Down.

- 1 Surely.
- 2 Merits.
- 3 More precipitous.
- 4 Commencing.
- 5 Written message.

- 7 Everlasting.
- 8 Postcard for the sun.
- 9 Helper.
- 10 Bolt slowly.
- 11 Observes.
- 12 Goes in front.
- 13 Apart.
- 14 Rapidity of motion.
- 15 Drink slowly.
- 16 Be in debt.
- 17 Skill.
- 18 Organ of hearing.
- 19 Make longer.
- 20 Chosen.
- 21 Venerates.
- 22 Size.
- 23 Came to notice.
- 24 Supplanted.
- 25 Nearest.
- 26 Combating ground.
- 27 Hindu queen.
- 28 Writing table.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



CENTRALISING INDIAN HIGH COURT.

CALCUTTA CHIEF JUSTICE'S RECOMMENDATION.

Calcutta, Jan. 24. Sir George Rankin, Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, in the course of his evidence to-day before the Simon Commission, recommended the centralisation of all the High Courts in India with the Government of India. He did not believe in the advisability of the constitution of a Supreme Court for India, and urged the discouragement of the promotion of judges in any other service except that of their own profession.

Administrative functions should be withdrawn from the High Court. With regard to the reservation of one-third of the seats in the High Courts for the Indian Civil Service, Sir George observed that he preferred that those seats should go to the district sessions judges.

It would undoubtedly result in more Indianisation, as a large number of such judges were Indians.

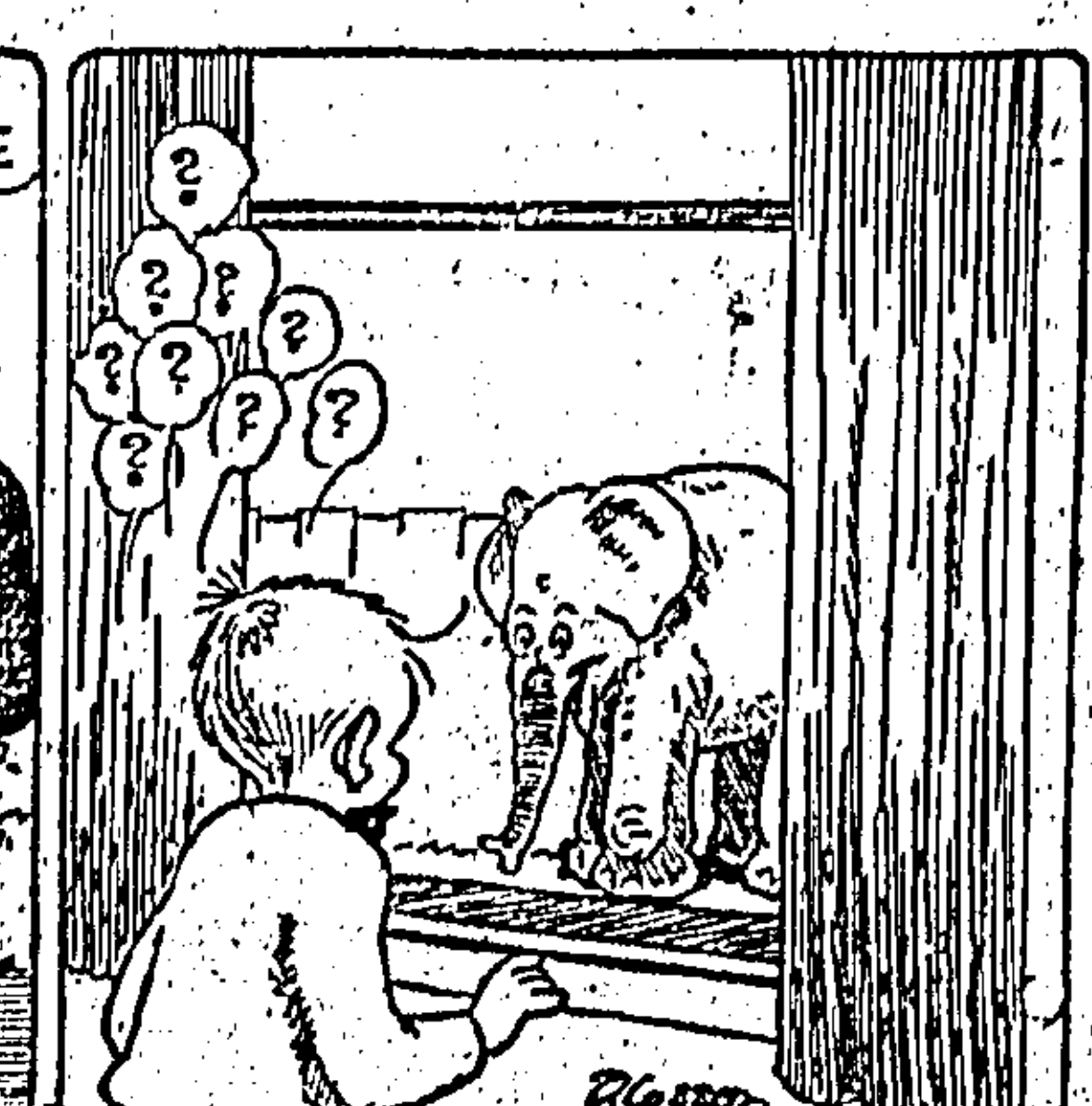
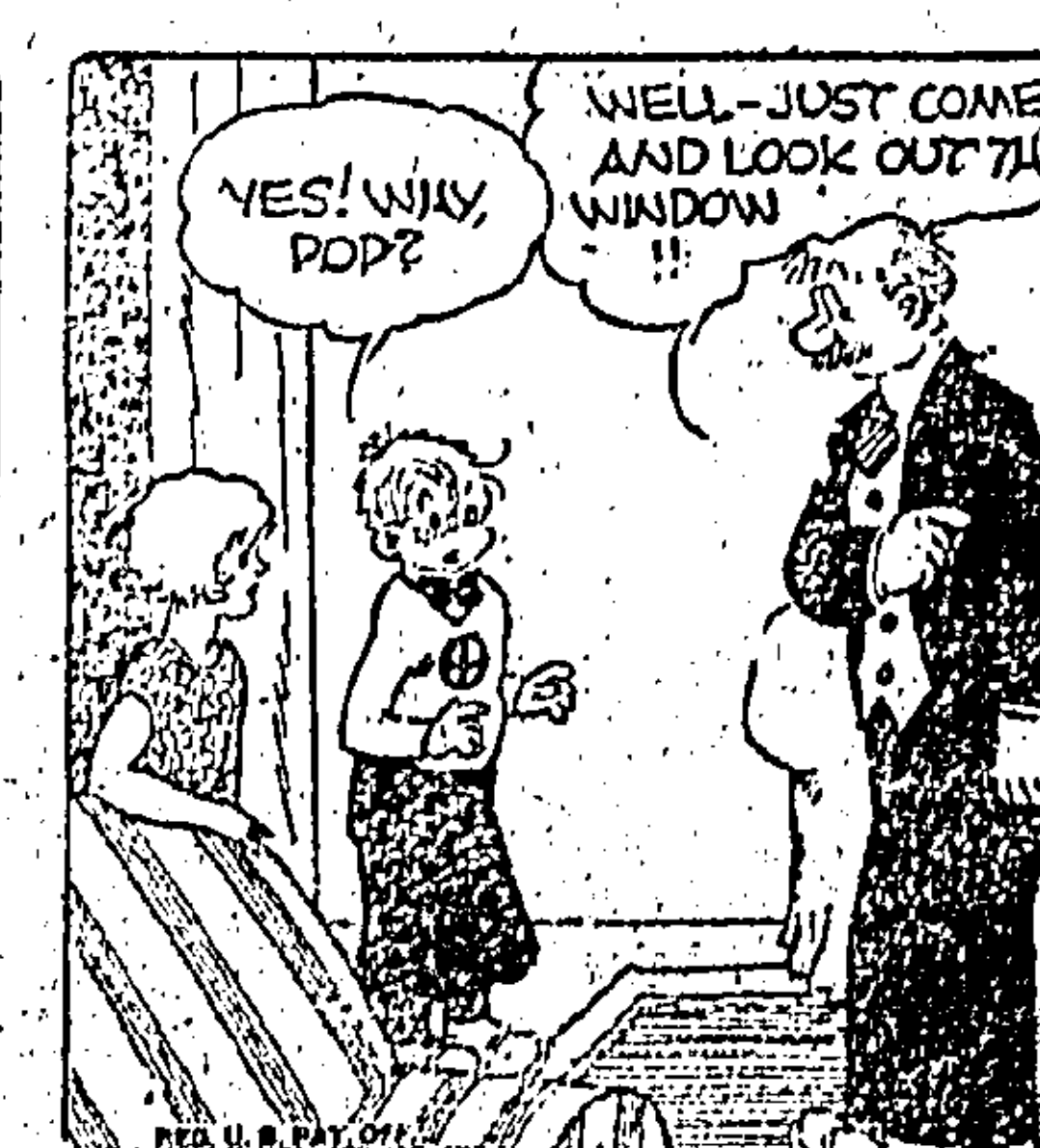
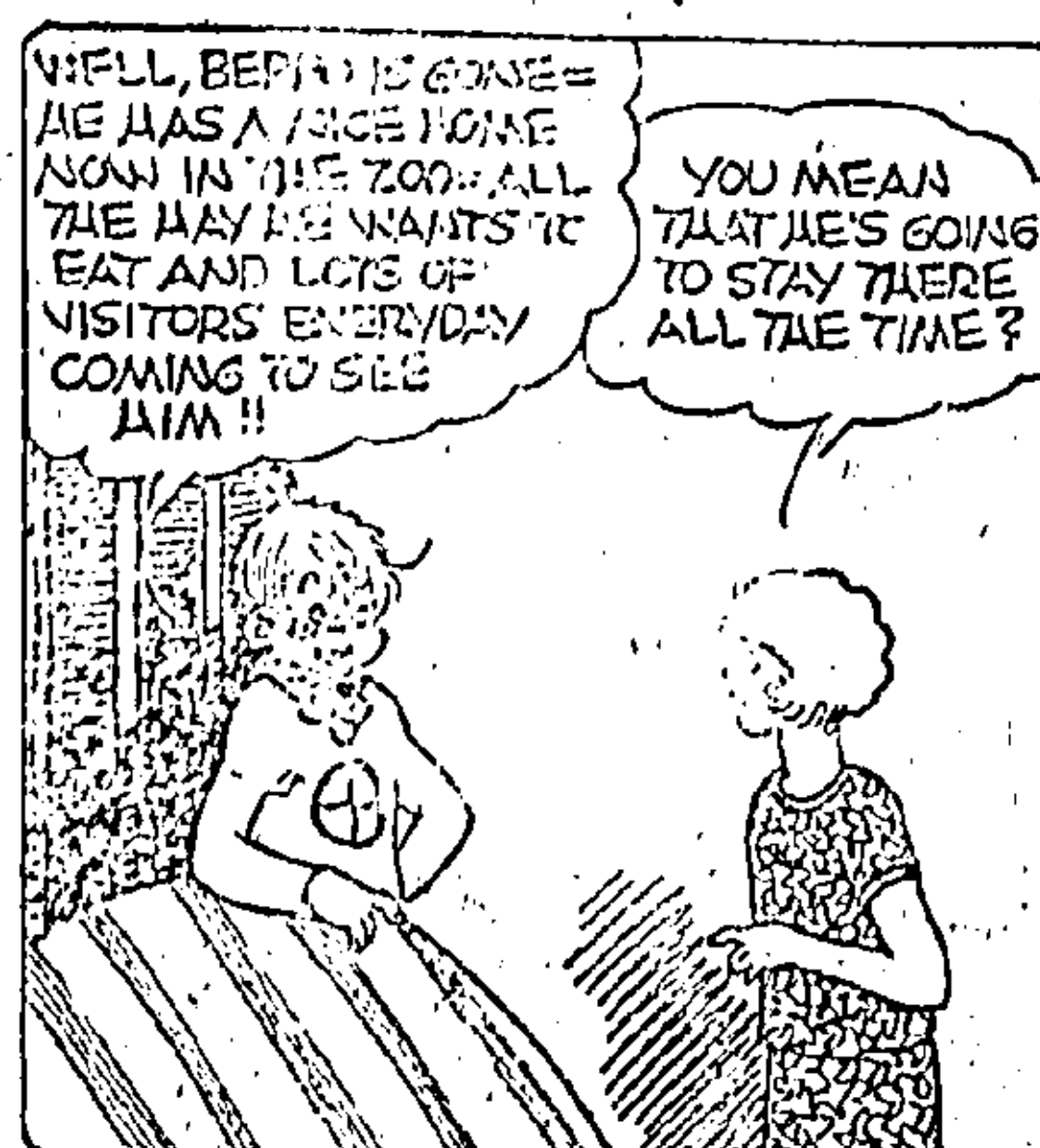
Mr. B. C. Mandal, giving evidence on behalf of the Kanchrapara Railwaymen's Union, declared that he was willing, if desired, to produce documentary evidence to prove that during the Lillooan strike money had been received from Moscow.

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POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

The series of bye-elections which has recently taken place at Home has shown Labour in a winning mood. Not only have the Labourites succeeded in holding seats previously held by the Party, but they have wrested constituencies from their opponents. In the circumstances, it is only natural that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues should point to the probability of a Labour victory in the coming General Election. They are even talking of the likelihood of Labour having a combined majority over the other two Parties. That, however, scarcely seems likely. Bye-elections provide some indication of the trend of opinion amongst the electorate, but they are not always a sure sign of General Election probabilities. Usually, there is one dominant issue before the voters when a Government goes to the country, and it is the popular feeling on this which more often than not sways the electors. What that issue will be in June, it is somewhat early to say. The Liberals would like it to be the tariff question, for they are the only Party with a really clear-cut attitude on this issue, and they continue to bank on the Free Trade traditions of the country. The Conservatives are far too vague on this question to be convincing, and we know that Labour at the moment has not quite made up its mind. If it should happen that the fiscal question becomes the main issue, we fear that the Conservatives will not come well out of the election.

Although Mr. Baldwin has been latterly impressing on the electorate the record of his Party, it would seem that even he does not appear at all convinced of the likelihood of the Conservatives returning to power. Speaking at Newcastle last month, he gave it as his opinion that the Liberals would not get sufficient support to form a Government, although he admitted that they might hold the balance. Visualising that possibility, he suggested that the Liberals might then be able to impose some of their programme on the Labourites. Obviously, Mr. Baldwin has in mind a Labour Government dependent on the Liberals for its existence, although later in his speech he did concede the possibility of Labour being returned with a sufficient

number of seats to form an entirely independent Administration. One of the new factors in the coming election will be the big addition to the number of women voters. How these will exercise their franchise remains to be seen. The general view is that no marked change will occur, although we recently saw a forecast by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that fully sixty per cent. of the new voters would plump for Labour. So far as the average layman can judge, the most likely result of the election will be a situation in which none of the three Parties has a majority over the other two. If that be the case, a working arrangement will be inevitable. Both the Liberal and Labour leaders have definitely asserted that they will not countenance any union for the purpose of fighting the election, but on more than one occasion the hint has been thrown out that, when the fight is over, it may be found expedient for the "Progressive Parties" to get together. If there is to be a Liberal-Labour coalition, the Liberals will no doubt insist on adequate representation in the Ministry, for they appear determined not to keep a purely Labour Government in office. Mr. Lloyd George would apparently not be averse to a genuine coalition, but he is credited with looking far beyond that immediate prospect. He is said to have visions of a new Centre group, anti-Socialist but not anti-Labour, with himself as its leader. To what extent his dreams will come true, we must wait and see. But that the coming General Election will be one of the keenest ever fought, there can be little doubt.

Smoking in Theatres.

The views expressed by a reader in our correspondence columns yesterday on the subject of smoking in theatres contain very little that is new. The reasons for complaint appear to be adequate, but we should be greatly surprised to find that the alternative suggested was supported by the general body of opinion among theatre-goers. Ever since My Lady Nicotine gained a hold on the multitude, the subject has provided a topic of perennial interest. The fact of the matter seems to be that there is right on both sides, and all things being equal, therefore, theatre managements are placed in a quandary. It is a notable fact that, an innovation in recent years, the advertisements of the London theatres reveal those in which smoking is permitted; in other words, certain theatres draw special attention to the privilege, presumably as offering additional attraction. This cannot be adduced as an argument entirely in favour of the smokers, for the simple reason that a large number of theatres maintain prohibition, thus recognising that there is a section of the public which still regards smoking in the theatre as objectionable. At the same time, it may be said that the remainder have bowed to public opinion. We rather think that if the question was put to the vote in a Hongkong meeting of average men and women, we should be amazed to find how the votes would be divided. The smokers, as witness our correspondent, would by no means be unanimous, while undoubtedly a large number of women non-smokers—and there are many yet—would support the adherents smoking. There is, however, another side of the problem, and that is concerned with ventilation. This, indeed, should be the deciding factor.

Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon the Kowloon brigade received a fire alarm from the Tsun Wan Police Station to the effect that fire had broken out at a small brick dwelling-house opposite. On the arrival of the fire appliances it was found that the house had been completely gutted, and efforts were made to check the flames from involving nearby property, this being successful. So far as can be ascertained, there was no casualty, but all the furniture and goods in the house were destroyed.

DAY BY DAY.

THE SWEETEST OF ALL SOUNDS IS PRAISE.—Xenophon.

The B.I. s.s. Talma, from Singapore, is due here on Friday morning.

The Empress of Russia is due here from Shanghai at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Captain L. F. Potter has been appointed to command H.M.S. Cumberland.

The Shanghai interport football team left by the s.s. President Madison this morning.

Lieut. D. H. Magray has been appointed to H.M.S. Hermes, and Lieut. Commr. H. E. Reid, of the Royal Canadian Navy, to H.M.S. Sepoy.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Valerian leaves to-day for an extensive tour to the Mission districts of Welchow, Bias Bay and Mira Bay.

The motor vessel Japanese Prince, from New York, sailed from Shanghai on the 18th instant, and is expected to arrive here on Wednesday afternoon.

The case in which four men are charged with robbery and the stealing of two children at Shatin, one of whom has not been recovered, was continued before the Police Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions this morning. All the prisoners made statements. The case is proceeding.

The return of notifiable diseases for last week shows seven cases of diphtheria (six Chinese and one British), of which one was fatal; two Chinese deaths from cerebro-spinal fever; and one non-fatal occurrence of typhoid. The small-pox returns are mentioned elsewhere. Yesterday, two further Chinese cases of diphtheria were notified.

A report has been made to the police by Mrs. Weill, proprietress of Messrs. Sennett Freres, to the effect that at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday, some person stole from the counter of her shop, a lady's handbag, containing \$50 in money, a gold cigarette case valued \$200, a silver vanity bag valued at \$10, and a powder puff and handkerchief. The total value is \$268.

Six men and one woman, who were remanded last week by Mr. R. E. Lindes on charges arising out of the armed robbery at No. 78 High Street, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, when his Worship fixed the hearing of the case for 11.30 on February 28. Mr. A. Al Arculli appeared for one of the men defendants. The police indicated that they were asking for committal.

While moving amongst a crowd who were gazing at a native juggler, a pickpocket was yesterday arrested by a detective who had been shadowing him for some time. On the prisoner, a cigarette case was found which was proved to belong to one of the spectators. The man was sentenced to six months' hard labour on being charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Two lorry drivers were fined \$7 each by Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning for overcrowding by permitting more than one person to be seated besides them at the wheel. In one case, the prosecuting police officer stated that one of the passengers was dislodged from his precarious seat and fell under the rear wheel. Another lorry driver was fined \$10 for speeding along Queen's Road East.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Squad Drill.—Each Squad Commander will arrange for his men to resume Squad drill etc., as from Wednesday, February 20th.

"First Aid to the Injured."—Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, February 20th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Lecturers—Dr. T. P. Woo and Mr. T. K. Chak.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Crown Sergeant R15 Ow Young Kin Hong on Wednesday, February 20th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Examination in Part 2.—The annual examination in Part 2 of Training Course will be resumed at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, February 21st, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, under Chief Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R255 Sheikh Abdullah has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from February 18th.

Constables R224 Jethanand Valeram and R236 Motomall Ladharam having left the Colony for good, have been struck off the strength of the Indian Company as from February 16th.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, February 19th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsu-tsu Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, February 21st. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Leave.—Mr. E. R. Dovey, A. S. P. (R), has been granted leave of absence from the Colony commencing February 16th, 1929.

Crown Sergeant R402 C. A. Grames has been appointed by the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police to command this Company as from February 15th, 1929, vice Mr. E. R. Dovey on leave.

"Defendu" Class.—This will be held as usual on Monday, February 25th, at Police Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Muff.

(Sgd) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 18.

Paris	124.25
Brussels	34.95
Amsterdam	12.12
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	13.20
Vienna	34.55
Melbourne	102.2
London	100.11/16
Bucharest	812
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Shanghai	2/04
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
New York	4.85/32
Geneva	25.235
Milan	92.70
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.19
Prague	19.84
Madrid	31.545
Athens	37.5
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	1/11 1/4
Silver (spot)	25.5
Silver (forward)	25.11/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

On New Year's Day, a Justice of the Peace named Healy, accompanied by two other officers, raided an establishment at Colton, California, and arrested the proprietor, Venigas, on a charge of possessing liquor.

Healy sat as Judge to try the case.

Venigas asserted that the officers "planted" the liquor in his house.

"You liar!" shouted Healy. "That's contempt of court!" retorted Venigas.

"So it is," agreed Healy, who thereupon fined himself five dollars and fined Venigas 105 dollars.

"I have never fallen astern with my rates before," declared a Hopeman fisherman of 78 in an appeal at Moray Assessment Appeal Court at Elgin recently.

Surrey policeman—When I told her that she would be summoned, she said, "Usually if I apologise nicely policemen let me off." Magistrate—You are proof against that blandishment? Constable—Yes, sir.

Driver, summoned at Wood Green for ignoring a traffic policeman's signal to stop—I am here because when the policeman asked me why I thought he was where he was I replied "to guide the traffic." I meant it as a pleasant reply, but he assumed that I was sarcastic.

[The plumber should be pleased at being regarded as a subject for humour, says John English.]

It was a plumber and his mate.—Loud laughter, roars and cheers—

Who heard of a job and got there late—

—Restraint now disappears—

When frost and snow had done their worst

And the bath taps dripped and the pipes had burst

And women gasped and strong men cursed

And the place was damp with tears,

They blandly beamed and sweetly smiled,

They calmed all fears as they calmly and fled.

And they gently murmured, in accents mild,

"We want you to laugh, old dears!"

There is a new spirit in the world, and a new conscience, and neither will long be denied.—Mr. A. B. Houghton.

It is better to read one good book several times than to read several good books once.—Mr. Lloyd George.

Political freedom will not give us freedom when our mind is not free.—Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

The great misfortune to mankind is that only those politicians out of office know how to solve great problems.—Lord Devar.

Surely pessimists are just people without any root to them.—Sir J. M. Barrie.

Mankind is divided into two types: the type that wants to dominate its fellow and the type that wants to understand its fellows.—Mr. John Drinkwater.

We have "to let the ape and tiger die," but we have also to let animal courage and animal sympathy live.—Professor J. A. Thomson.

The new teacher, who had just come to take over the "fives" was being regarded with great interest by her little charges.

Two tiny boys evidently found her correct appraisal rather difficult, and much infantile dialogue ensued between them. In what category of womanhood was the new instructress to be placed? She was young, but benign.

Eventually the bolder of the two advanced.

"Well, dear?" asked the teacher. "Teacher, is you a muvver or a lady?"

There had been a burglary, and the local police inspector was making a list of the things which had been stolen.

"Ten spoons, six forks, a clock, and four vases," repeated the officer, as he finished writing in his notebook.

"Correct," replied the housekeeper.

The inspector paused, his pencil poised judiciously in the air.

"Now," he said with a fierce look, "you're sure there's nothing else missing?"

"No, there's nothing else," was the reply; "barring the gentleman what took them."

Kowloon Inland Lot 2171 near Prince Edward Road in Kowloon was sold by auction at the P.W.D. Office yesterday. The land, which had an area of 7,480 square feet and carries an annual rental of \$52, was purchased at the upset price of \$3,740 by the Rev. Frank Short.

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COMMON ERRORS
IN BRIDGE
AND HOW TO
CORRECT THEM
by W.W. Wentworth

2. FAILURE TO FORESEE BLOCKING.

North (Dummy)—
♠ 7 5 3
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 6 3
♣ K Q 7 4 3

West—

South (Declarer)—
♠ A Q 6
♥ A K 8
♦ Q 5 2
♣ A 9 8 5

The Bidding: South bids no-trump and all pass.
Deciding the Play: West leads 2 of spades and South takes with

Queen of spades. How should Declarer play the club suit?

The Error: South plays Ace of clubs and then plays 6 of clubs, taking with King of clubs. Then Queen of clubs is played and the Declarer is blocked, making only four tricks in clubs. To insure game, five tricks in clubs must be made.

The Correct Method: Declarer should play 8 of clubs and overtake with Queen of clubs. Thereafter 3 of clubs should be played from dummy and overtaken with Ace of clubs, followed by 9 of clubs, which is overtaken by King of clubs. In this manner five club tricks are made and game is insured.

The Principle: Before playing the first card, determine whether it will result in blocking the suit.

PRESERVING HOME
ATMOSPHERE.WHAT THE "CHEER-O"
Y.M.C.A. DOES.THE NEED FOR MORE LADY
HELPERS STRESSED.

APPRECIATED WORK.

Taking the chair at the annual meeting of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. (The Cheer-O) at the City Hall, this morning, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, after recounting a successful year's work, appealed for more lady helpers, saying there was room for many more at the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, who also spoke, supported Mrs. Wolfe's appeal and emphasised the need for more lady helpers. He knew from personal experience that the Servicemen deeply appreciated all that was being done by the ladies. There was a fairly large gathering at the City Hall, and supporting Mrs. Wolfe were Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. J. L. McPherson.

Mrs. Wolfe's Speech.

Addressing the gathering Mrs. Wolfe said:—Mr. Pattenden, ladies and gentlemen—it is now nearly a year since the meeting was held at which the projected removal of the Canteen from its temporary quarters in Queen's Building to more permanent ones here in the City Hall was announced and plans for the re-organisation of the work were laid before you. As the result of that meeting a Ladies' Committee was formed and has met on the third Monday of every month since April. This Committee is composed of the Ladies-in-charge of each day, an Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. In addition there is a Library Sub-Committee, the Chairman having a seat on the Ladies Committee.

The Canteen was opened in these premises on Empire Day by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and thanks to the loyal support of the men of H.M. Forces stationed out here I think I may be allowed to say that the work has been carried on very successfully. Ladies are in attendance daily from 4 p.m. till 10 p.m. working in two shifts of three hours and there is ample evidence that their presence continues to be very much appreciated.

Need for Helpers.

May I take this opportunity of appealing for more helpers? If any of you here to-day know of newcomers to the Colony who may be interested in this work you will be affording a real service by sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bellamy, 358, Peak or c/o the Canteen.

I have heard from time to time that ladies have complained of not having been asked to help. I do assure them it is not necessary to wait for an invitation, if they will only send in their names work will very soon be found as it is a case of the "more the merrier." I would remind you that the presence of ladies means a touch of "home" atmosphere which is so sadly lacking in the lives of many of our countrymen in this distant outpost of the Empire. Concerts, dances and whilst drives are arranged periodically and are very popular. At Christmas, a special programme of entertainments was arranged and on Christmas Day gifts of home-made food were sent to the Canteen and much appreciated.

Thanks Expressed.

In referring to the report of our meeting on March 6th, last year I was reminded that we then had to bid Mr. McPherson "good-bye." To-day, we very gladly extend him a welcome on his return. I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying a little about the gratitude we ladies feel to the members of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. Committee and particularly to their Chairman, Mr. Pattenden, for the kindly, and ready help given to us on all occasions. As retiring Chairman of the Ladies' Committee I personally wish to thank Mr. Pattenden most heartily for his loyal support and encouragement.

We should also like to record our thanks to Mr. Grenham who is always ready to assist us in every possible way (applause) and to Mr. Ingram who continues to take such a keen interest in this work. I must not forget several other gentlemen who come regularly to help and to whom we are most grateful. I am very glad to be able to announce to you that Mrs. D. J. Lewis has taken my place as Chairman of the Ladies' Committee. I am leaving for home very shortly and in bidding you all good-bye I want to thank you for

SIMON COMMISSION
AT MADRAS.ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
PRESENTED.

A PARTIAL HARTEL.

Madras, Feb. 18. The Simon Commission, whose investigation in India of the working of the reforms has now lasted for more than four months, arrived at Madras to-day from Rangoon.

Sir John Simon, the leader of the Commission, was greeted on the arrival of the steamer, by a large gathering of local residents, and he was presented with no fewer than nine addresses of welcome from different sections of the community.

Sir John, in acknowledging the addresses, said that it was a great encouragement to receive such a striking demonstration of co-operation in a large centre like Madras.

In the meantime, the opponents of the Commission were staging one of the typical black flag processions, while a large boycott meeting was held. The demonstrations passed off without untoward incident.

A partial hartel is being observed in the Indian quarters of Madras.—*Reuter.*

your loyal co-operation and to wish you all the best of luck and the "Cheer O" Canteen continued success.

Mr. Pattenden's Speech.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, addressing those present, said:—I should like to express the great appreciation felt by both Mr. Ingram and myself in the invitation extended to us to be present at this meeting of the Ladies Committee. May I also thank Mrs. Wolfe for her kind references to Mr. Ingram, Mr. Grenham and myself in her speech? Mrs. Wolfe has already dealt so fully with the work that is being done in this Y.M.C.A. centre, there is very little for me to add except, as Chairman of the General Committee, to extend our heartfelt thanks for the work of the Ladies' Committee and all the other ladies who have so willingly given their services, thereby enabling us to achieve the objects we had in view when our work was inaugurated two years ago.

In doing so I should like to make special reference to Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Alabaster and Mrs. Dudley King, who are shortly leaving us. Mrs. Wolfe's devoted service at the City Hall has been of inestimable benefit and contributed very largely to the success of our work. I have been in close touch with Mrs. Wolfe during the past year and her wonderful organizing ability and help in the many problems that have arisen from time to time have been of incalculable value and I cannot thank her sufficiently for all she has done. Mrs. Alabaster has performed yeoman service in organizing and arranging a library and Mrs. Dudley King has been a most efficient and hard-working secretary. We shall all, and not least the men frequenting this centre, miss the gracious presence of these ladies. In thanking them for their work I should like, on behalf of the General Committee, to wish them bon voyage.

Future Activities.

May I also be permitted to congratulate the Ladies' Committee on the appointment of Mrs. Lewis as Chairman? I feel the vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Wolfe's departure could not have been more capably filled. Besides the activities of the Cheer-O Centre, Mrs. Wolfe has just referred to, it may interest you to know that a Debating Society and a Camera Club have recently been started and we are installing a billiard table downstairs which we expect to have ready to play on in the course of a few days, also every Saturday we have what are commonly known as "Hikes" which are becoming increasingly popular, more particularly among the Naval men.

During the past year the work of this Centre has entered on a new phase. It is no longer being conducted under the strenuous and perhaps exciting conditions that prevailed two years ago when the Shanghai Defence Force arrived. We have, in fact, come down to normal conditions and are again in peace time, but the necessity for our work, as run on the lines we have been conducting it, that in with lady helpers, I lay great stress on this—is still there and, in my opinion, will continue to exist so long as Hongkong is a naval and military centre. Both Mr. McPherson and Mr. Ingram who have had long experience of Y.M.C.A. work will, I know, bear me out in this, which I make special reference to because on more than one occasion lately it has been suggested to me that the necessity for lady helpers no longer exists, and I say, most emphatically, that

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SPURIOUS LOCAL
COINAGE.SEQUEL TO RECENT RAID
AT SHAMSHUIPO.

CHINESE CHARGED.

Charges of a serious nature were preferred against three men and a woman occupant of No. 79, Yau Chau Street, Shamshui, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendants were alleged to have had in their possession moulds which bore impressions resembling 10-cent and 5-cent pieces, Hongkong currency. There was a further charge of possession of 60 counterfeit 10-cent pieces and 25 5-cent pieces. Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the third and fourth defendants, who are husband and wife.

Detective Sergeant Brittain, outlining the case, said that at about 11.35 p.m. on January 23, the police raided No. 79, Yau Chau Street, Shamshui. In the rear cubicle, was the first defendant, while the second defendant attempted to rush out of the house as soon as the police entered. On entry, the first defendant was seen to throw some white substance out of the window. This, when retrieved, was found to be the moulds.

During a search of the cubicle, the police found implements suitable for making counterfeit coins. There were also discovered on the floor 50 10-cent pieces and 25 5-cent pieces. Some of these coins were found in the possession of the first defendant.

The two defendants were taken to the Shamshui Police Station and later Sub-Inspector Hoare made another raid on the premises and seized some bottles containing liquids and powders. The third and fourth defendants, who were on the floor, were taken into custody.

The case is proceeding.

CARRIED TOO MANY
PASSENGERS.LAUNCH COXSAIN FINED
AT MARINE COURT.

Before Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, the coxswain of the steam launch Kong Fat was charged with carrying 102 passengers in excess of the number shown on his licence—268 instead of 150.

Sgt. Wright prosecuting, gave evidence of counting the passengers.

Defendant said he did not know the number of passengers on board, having been made to understand that there were only 140. About 70 of them were accommodated in the hold and he could not see them.

His Worship observed that the number defendant carried was almost twice the lawful number and told defendant that he was not doing his duty by his master or the passengers. In the event of the launch capsizing, there would have been a disaster.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$102 (\$1 for each passenger), with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

SINO-JAPANESE
DEADLOCK.TOKYO'S "INSTRUCTIONS" TO
YOSHIZAWA.

A CHINESE REPORT.

Shanghai, Feb. 18. Regarding the emergency conference of the Japanese cabinet on Saturday, it is understood in Chinese circles that the following instructions have been sent to Mr. Yoshizawa: (1) Japan will make no further concession regarding Tainanfu. (2) Japan will not accept responsibility for opening fire during the affair and consequently will not make any compensation for Chinese property destroyed in the clash. (3) Japan will not comply with the Chinese request for the formation of a commission to investigate the extent of the damage done to Japanese and Chinese property.

Dr. C. T. Wang returned to Nanking this evening. A high spokesman of the Nationalist Foreign Office told Chinese pressmen that the outlook of the Sino-Japanese negotiations now justifies pessimism as the result of the attitude of Japan.

NAVAL & MILITARY
MOVEMENTS.DORSETSHIRE DUE HERE
TO-NIGHT.

The transport Dorsetshire is due to arrive in Hongkong at 9.30 p.m. to-day and will probably leave for Shanghai to-morrow. Her revised programme is as follows:

Arrive	Leave
Shanghai Feb. 25	March 2
Hongkong March 5	March 8
Singapore March 13	March 13
Colombo March 19	March 19
Bombay March 23	March 26
Port Sudan April 3	April 8
Port Said April 12	April 12
Malta April 16	April 16
Southampton April 24	

H.M.S. Cleopatra is due to leave Sheerness and H.M.S. Carysfort is due to leave Plymouth to-day for China, both cruisers bringing relief for the Station. Both vessels, and also H.M.S. Dartmouth which left Spithead on Thursday, February 14, are due to arrive in Hongkong on April 8.

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

NEARLY FIFTY CASES
LAST WEEK.

The small-pox returns for the past week show that 47 cases were notified, whilst the total deaths from the disease were 61. All were Chinese cases, 28 being from Kowloon, 17 from Victoria and two from Shaikwan. One of the cases was imported.

The return for yesterday shows 17 further cases, of which all were Chinese excepting one Japanese. Nine were from Victoria, seven from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan.

NORTH CHINA IN
WINTRY GRIP.BIG ICE FIELDS ON
TIENTSIN RIVER.SHIPS BATTLE WAY THROUGH
WITH DIFFICULTY.

BELGENLAND PLIGHT.

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Remarkable ice conditions at Chinwangtao and Tongku, the entrance to the river to Tientsin, are reported by masters of vessels plying between Shanghai and these ports.

As much as 50 degrees of frost have been registered in North China in recent days freezing up the river to Tientsin, creating big ice fields extending far into the sea, and seriously interfering with shipping.

Many vessels report hours and hours of battling with the ice to make those ports in a winter of unusual severity. Some vessels have been frozen in, finding a foot of ice ten miles out at sea.

Captain A. Watson, master of the K.M.A. steamer Kaiping, who has arrived here from Chinwangtao, reports terrible conditions at that port. For a month, many degrees of frost have been registered, and ice conditions have seriously hindered navigation.

18 Hours to Do 30 Miles.

When Captain Watson left Chinwangtao a few days ago, the cold was getting more intense and it took him 18 hours to cut his way through the ice to the open sea, a distance of about 30 miles.

The Kaiping will leave again for Chinwangtao to-day but unless the temperature rises it is a matter of doubt whether the vessel will be able to make the port. When she cut her way out of the ice on her trip down, she had to reverse her engines at least a score of times and seek a "softer spot" in the ice. With the increasing rigour of the weather there is a possibility that nothing less than a regular ice-breaker can enter the port.

Captain Watson and the Kaiping was instrumental in assisting the Red Star liner Belgenland, the world cruise vessel, to make port in order to land the passengers for their trip to Peking. This was an unusual piece of work owing to the thick ice. Before the Belgenland arrived at Chinwangtao, Captain Watson was asked to stand by with the Kaiping and act as ice breaker for the giant liner.

Liner Stuck In Ice.

The Belgenland got stuck in the ice about 30 miles from shore and Captain Watson went to her assistance. During the whole of the night prior to the arrival of the Belgenland, he had been cutting figures-of-eight and circles in the ice, but it froze together again almost as soon as the bow of his ship had smashed through it.

The Belgenland was sighted at dawn, and the Kailan Mining Administration told the Captain to spare no pains to help the liner. The point of view of the Administration was that every hour the ice was increasing in thickness, and those aboard the Belgenland did not know local conditions whereas Captain Watson did.

Cut Path For Vessel.

Responsible for the port, the Administration were taking no risks with a vessel of such magnitude as the Belgenland, and after churning up the ice all night the Kaiping smashed her way out to the Belgenland, and while that vessel headed for port the Kaiping, a diminutive vessel in comparison, circled the liner and churned up the ice, allowing the larger ship to proceed without harm at about two knots an hour.

Even so, the Belgenland could get no nearer to the port than a few miles. There is no actual figure as to the distance, but finding a soft spot in the ice the Kaiping got through to Chinwangtao with the passengers of the Belgenland in 65 minutes. And it is estimated that with the engines revolving at about 12 knots the ship did seven or eight.

Trip on Ice-Breaker.

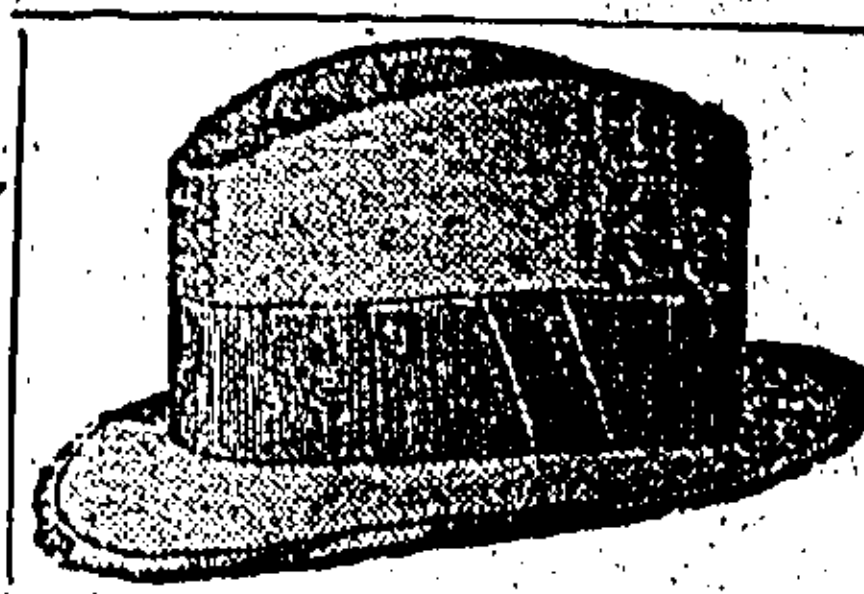
Landing the passengers, the Kaiping was ordered to proceed on her way to Shanghai, and again the Belgenland got into difficulties in the ice. Wedged in, despite her enormous engine power, she could do nothing with her huge bulk, and the Administration ordered out the steamer Gurth to her assistance, and this vessel forced her way through the ice, with the tourists on

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DOGS MAY NOT BARK IN BERLIN.

HOW UMBRELLAS MUST BE CARRIED.

Berlin, Jan. 24.
Joy the benefits of a new traffic code, which replaces a mass of often obsolete regulations dating back to 1835.

The reformed code itself, however, presents the Berliner with a formidable subject for study. It contains some 344 paragraphs, bristling with "verboten," transgression of any one of which exposes him to a fine up to 150 marks (\$7 10s.), or fourteen days' imprisonment.

He must, he will find, avoid letting a policeman see him pass an oncoming pedestrian on the left. Instead of the right or carrying his umbrella in a way that might conceivably inconvenience a fellow pedestrian. If he is in charge of a handcart he must not sit on the cart. If he is driving a horse vehicle he must not crack his whip or forget to put on the brake so soon as "the conditions of the locality or the traffic or some other emergency" necessitate that action.

If he is a cyclist he must not take both hands off the handlebars or both feet off the pedals nor must he overtake another vehicle which is moving at faster than walking pace. Public seats, the Berliner is reminded, are not for sleeping or walking on, nor are they for the use of persons "whose clothes are calculated to make the paint fade."

Magna Carta for Cats.

Dogs must not "attract attention in a disturbing fashion by barking or howling." Roller skaters must be kept off the pavement. Perambulators may only use the pavement if they contain babies.

Motorists are told in the most precise detail exactly what they must do on every possible occasion. On the other hand this traffic code is a veritable Magna Carta for cats, which are alone privileged to be excluded from any restriction.

The code fails, however, to abolish the absurd system of automatic traffic control by lights suspended over the crossings in the centre of the city. The policeman who has to be kept to see that the lights are obeyed would be much better employed regulating the traffic himself, for it is a regular experience to see a host of vehicles held up in a busy street by a red light, which ignores the fact that there is not so much as a solitary cyclist to take advantage of the fairway which it holds clear.

ELECTRIC TRACTION.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S PLANS MATURING.

London, Feb. 18.
The Southern Railway's £11,000,000 electrification scheme of 1,875 miles of the central section of the railway, will be completed by March 4.

New electric service will come into operation, and others, previously worked on the overhead wire method will be operated on this direct current system.

The services have been remodelled, and increased in some cases to as much as 200 per cent. over the previous steam services.—*British Wireless.*

ARMY-NAVY CRICKET MATCH.

ARMY NEED 87 RUNS TO WIN.

The two-day cricket match between the Army and the Navy was not continued this morning. Play will be resumed this afternoon. The scores at present stand as follows:—

Navy: 93 and 147.
Army: 129 and 26 for 2.

The Army require 87 to win with eight wickets to fall.

The Shanghai Footballers Entertained.

The Kowloon C.C. entertained the Shanghai Interport football team yesterday, an interesting game resulting in a victory for the visitors by 24 runs.

Shanghai batted first and completed 158, Palmer hitting up 75 before being bowled. Stokes, with 24 was the only other double figure scorer. Goodwin secured five wickets for 33 runs.

K.C.C. replied with 129. Ramsey was responsible for 78. Stokes was the most successful bowler for the visitors.

Scores:

Shanghai Footballers.

F. Road, c Atkins, b Ross	4
L. F. Stokes, b Goodwin	24
S. V. Gash, b Goodwin	75
W. Palmer, b Goodwin	75
A. C. Sinclair, b Goodwin	4
T. W. R. Wilson, c Goodwin, b Brace	5
Jno. Pote Hunt, b Ross	10
B. B. Duffy, b Goodwin	0
Jas. Pote Hunt, run out	4
Jones, not out	12
Extras	13
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

N. H. Ross	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Overy	0	1	24	2
E. F. Fincher	5	—	23	—
F. Goodwin	9	1	33	5
W. Brace	6	1	20	1

Kowloon C.C.

A. W. Ramsey, c Reed, b Sinclair	76
E. F. Fincher, b Palmer	4
G. A. V. Hall, c Wilson, b Stokes	15
Lt. H. A. R. Puttee, c Wilson, b Stokes	2
H. Overy, c Sinclair, b Stokes	0
Lt. C. H. Atkins, c Reed, b Sinclair	2
W. Brace, c and b Stokes	10
N. H. Ross, c Sinclair, b Stokes	5
F. Edwards, not out	5
F. Goodwin, c Duffy, b Palmer	0
Extras	10
Total	129

Bowling Analysis.

T. W. R. Wilson	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Palmer	7	1	23	2
L. F. Stokes	9	1	34	5
A. Sinclair	6	—	30	2

GOLF IN CANTON.

CHARTERED BANK WINS HONG DOUBLES.

The annual competition for the Hong Doubles was played off on Sunday, over 36 holes on the course of the Tungshan Recreation Club at Tungshan, Canton.

The winners were the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, Messrs J. M. Walker and Beath (handicap 11), net score 150. The British American Tobacco Co. (China), Messrs J. W. Parsons and A. N. Spencer (17), were the runners-up, net score 161.

At the 11th interval, after playing 18 holes, the American Consulate-General were leading; their representatives being Consul-General Douglas Jenkins and Vice-Consul J.C.H. Bonbright, handicap 9. However in the afternoon their play went all to pieces.

Other entries were the Standard Oil Company of New York, Messrs C. E. Sandstrom and R. B. Anthony (11); I.B.M. Consulate-General, Messrs J. F. Brennan C.M.G., and A.J. Evans (15); the Shamen Municipal Council, Captain G. A. Clements and Mr. C. E. Watson (13); Messrs. Denon & Co. Ltd., Messrs. R. K. Butcher and A. E. Quinn (9); Messrs. G. H. Matheson & Co. Ltd., Messrs. G. H. Bowker and F. Gandolfi (14); the Canton-Kowloon Railway, Messrs. W. M. Stratton and J. T. Smith (4); Messrs. A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd., Messrs. G. C. Kitching and Jones (12); the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Ltd., Messrs. G.M.D. Wolf and J. W. Platt (17); and the National City Bank of New York, Messrs. L. H. Ruffin and C. M. Roberts (17).—*Our Own Correspondent.*

NORTH CHINA IN WINTRY GRIP.

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board, and then cut a way out into the open sea for the huge liner.

During their stay on shore the tourists had made a trip to Peking and likened the conditions to those obtaining in the Rockies in mid-winter. Their trip in the ice-breakers Kaiping and Gurth they will long remember, and the sight of the giant vessel being stranded in the ice in China—which many of the less sophisticated at home consider to be in the tropical belt—will not be forgotten.

MURDER TRIAL COLLAPSES.

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Hospital in an ambulance, but on arrival there he was found to be dead, and his body was taken to the Mortuary.

An interpreter gave evidence of a statement made by the prisoner when charged at the Police Station with the murder. He then said:—"I did not go to that place. I know nothing about this kind of matter."

Mr. Fitzroy, for the Crown, then said that that evidence closed the case for the prosecution.

A Serious Point.

His Lordship remarked that he supposed there was some sort of evidence. The jury, however, would observe one fact that had come out since Shek Tui had been in the witness box, which that the wife of Lee Yuen-lau contradicted the policeman's evidence in what appeared to be rather a serious matter.

She had said that her husband asked her for the pawn ticket, which was in her custody, saying that someone had asked him for it. According to Shek Tui, however, certainly no-one from the police had asked Lee Yuen-lau for the ticket. There was also the very remarkable fact that all the witnesses were living together.

"I feel inclined to ask the jury whether they want to hear the defence," added his Lordship.

Mr. Fitzroy:—With regard to the pawn ticket—

His Lordship:—That came from one of the men who lived in the same place. Shek Tui meets Lee Yuen-lau, whom he had not



Max Pickmann, a clever illusionist, who may be seen at the World Theatre at each performance from Friday to Monday next.

known before, and apparently has the ticket on him, although his wife says that he asked her for it; and that is as far as we can go. If the jury think, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, that the prisoner is not to be called upon for his defence, they have a right to stop the case.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Shek Tui did not say why he stopped the man.

His Lordship:—No. I take it he obtained information and spoke to him. You naturally did not ask the source of information.

Couldn't Clear Matter Up.

Mr. Fitzroy:—I did not ask him what he said. I couldn't ask that, but it would have cleared the matter up at once. I cannot clear the matter up in that way.

His Lordship:—Still I have to deal with the facts as they are. The jury can stop the case if they want to. There is some material for the exercise of their discretion. I should, as at present advised, definitely say that there is no evidence. If the jury intimate that to me, and say they are prepared to return a verdict now, there would be no need for the case to go on. If, on the other hand, they don't take that step, then the case will have to go on.

Jury Retires.

The jury intimated that they wished to retire to consider the point.

When the jury had not returned after some time, his Lordship directed they be asked to return to Court.

When the jurors had taken their seats, his Lordship told them he had called them back in order to be quite sure that they understood what he had asked them to consider.

The jury intimated that they had decided there was no case to answer, and returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

His Lordship said he thought the jury were perfectly right. There was some sort of evidence, but he agreed with their view on the matter.

PRESERVING HOME ATMOSPHERE.

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it does. Without your help we should tend to become a mere eating-house and our aim is something much more than that.

Personal Touch.

One of our aims is personal touch and it is largely due to the presence of you ladies that we are able to secure this. I support Mrs. Wolfe most heartily in her appeal for more helpers, and I do not think that this appeal will be in vain. We do need your continued help to enable us to carry on our work on its present lines. Like all other work that is worth doing, there are times when it may seem tedious and dull and without any apparent result, but I know from my personal contact with the men, how deeply they appreciate all that is being done by the ladies. There is no occasion to be down-hearted; on the other hand, every reason to be thankful for what we have been able to do and to look to the future with confidence.

I have been impressed by the spirit of comradeship in this place—to me it is quite uplifting, and I feel we are obtaining more of a foothold than we have ever had before. Thanks to Mr. Ingram's efforts in closely watching the movements of His Majesty's ships, and the co-operation so kindly extended by the officers, I am glad to say the "Cheer-O" centre has been much more largely used by naval men than it was. Of course, as you realise the foundation of our work is spiritual and all our activities are actuated with this motive.

I join with Mrs. Wolfe in the welcome extended to Mr. McPherson on his return. We are indeed glad to have him with us again. His wide vision and great experience will be of inestimable value in the development of this Y.M.C.A. centre, which it is my sincere hope will become a permanent institution, in which the ladies of this Colony will always, as now, have their part.

Before closing, I wish to extend our thanks to the City Hall authorities for the generous manner in which they have assisted us by granting a lease of these premises for two years at a nominal rental. We are indeed grateful to them.

Home-like Touch.

Mr. J. L. McPherson, on being called upon to speak, said that he was happy to observe that the work had proceeded so well during his holiday and he was pleasantly surprised to see how many men used the hall. The presence of lady helpers gave the place a home-like appearance and touch, and the men of the Army and Navy appreciated such help very much.

He thanked the ladies who have helped during the year for what they have done and expressed the hope that they would continue to do so. Mr. McPherson added that he would like to see the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. become a permanent institution.

Mrs. D. J. Lewis, the new Chairman of the Committee, wished Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Alabaster bon voyage and a pleasant holiday, sentiments which the meeting fully endorsed.

ANOTHER BANVARD SUCCESS.

"CLOWNS IN CLOVER" STAGED LAST NIGHT.

Another big success was scored by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company at the Star Theatre last night with their presentation of a well-filled house of the new revue from the Adelphi Theatre, London, entitled "Clowns in Clover." As at the previous shows, all the members of the company gave of their best, both collectively and individually, and thoroughly won the hearts of the audience.

Undoubtedly the funniest "hit" of the evening was the "Nativity Orchestra." Those taking part crooned roars of laughter and they could have repeated their turn many times without tiring the audience. Another outstanding item in the fun-making line was "The Matchmaker" in which Frank Atkinson was seen at his best with Miss Gaye Jukes and Miss Jeanne D'Arcy.

Miss Ethel Beard was loudly applauded for her tuncful vocal renderings of which "Ramona" and "Little Boy Blues" were the most popular, while Mr. Angus Strong was also a big success with similar numbers.

The beauty chorus were as clever and vivacious as ever and never failed on any of their appearances to win anything but the warmest applause.

Altogether "Clowns in Clover" was played in a manner which was thoroughly up to the reputation of the Banvard players and their next change of programme to-night, when they will stage "Tip Toes," will be anticipated with the greatest interest.

THE "SUI TAI" FIRE RECALLED.

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early last month, she has proved entirely satisfactory.

One of the deciding factors in favour of rebuilding the Sui Tai was that by so doing we could have a boat in commission with the loss of only four months' earnings compared with fully a year in the event of a new boat being laid down.

Reference was made at the last meeting to the question of office expenses and I am pleased to say that further economies have now been effected which however will not be reflected until the next balance sheet is presented. If the present scheme can be carried out, a further saving is anticipated in 1930.

No further comments appear to be necessary and I therefore propose that the accounts and report be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer any question dealing with the accounts, which shareholders may care to ask.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Business Matters.

The re-election of the Directors was proposed by Mr. T. P. Fong and seconded by Mr. Lo Kai-hong, the resolution being carried.

The re-election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews as auditors was carried on the motion of Mr. J. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. K. Stuart-Smith.

The Chairman:—Ever since the loss to the Board through the death of Mr. Chau Sui-ki in 1924, your Directors have had in mind the desirability of filling the vacancy, but deferred doing so, owing to the political troubles of 1925 and subsequent years. During the past year, I have on several occasions approached Mr. Li Tse-fong and also his brother, Mr. Li Kun-chun, but presumably modesty prevented their accepting a seat on the Board. However, since the report for 1928 was circulated, Sir Robert Ho Tung has succeeded in prevailing upon Mr. Li Tse-fong to accept our invitation and his election needs your formal confirmation at this meeting. I propose that his election be confirmed.

Mr. J. Arnold seconded and the motion was carried.

TEN YEARS IN GIRL'S GARB.

DESERTER'S RUDE AND DOUBLE LIFE.

Paris, Jan. 16.

Adventures of a French soldier named Georges Grappe, who deserted at the beginning of the war, then dressed in feminine attire, and passed for ten years as a woman, will be recalled in Paris Assize Court on Saturday, when his widow will be charged with having murdered him in July last.

Grappe and his bride were each 20 years of age when they married a few years before the war. They were very happy till war came. The young husband joined his regiment, and a few weeks later was injured in the hand. There was a mystery about the cause of the hurt, but there was no court-martial.

Soldier in Petticoats.

After a few weeks in hospital Grappe was given a short convalescent leave. He went to his mother's home at Chartres, and said, "As far as I am concerned, the war is over. I am going to dress as a woman."

He did so, returning to Paris, where he took a small flat, and lived under the name of Suzanne Landgart. His wife, whom he introduced to the concierge as a "friend," came to live with him.

After the war he became "Mlle. Suzanne," posed as a sportswoman, and even gave some exhibitions as a parachutist.

Grappe lived his extraordinary life for ten years. When in 1925 "Mlle. Suzanne" saw that the crime of desertion was definitely covered by an amnesty, she decided to become a man again.

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The concierge thought that Mlle. Suzanne had suddenly gone mad. But Grappe continued to live the life of Mlle. Suzanne. He would not work and spent most of the money his wife—who had given birth to a child—was earning.

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CONSTABLE CHARGED.**INDIAN FACES SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.**

An alleged attempt to obtain a bribe from the occupants of a tailors' shop in Halphong Road and the larceny of 70 cents were related to Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop (A.S.P., Kowloon), who prosecuted an Indian constable before his Worship on three charges arising out of the incident.

The defendant, who, until the time of his arrest, was attached to the Water Police Station, was charged with (1) entering No. 31, Halphong Road without a warrant; (2) attempting to obtain a bribe of 40 cents from the inmates and (3) larceny of 70 cents from one of the occupants of the shop.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the defence and entered a plea of not guilty on each of the three charges.

Outlining the case, Mr. Calthrop said that at about 10 p.m. on February 11, three men were playing tin kau at No. 31, Halphong Road, a tailors' shop. The game had been in progress for about three quarters of an hour when the defendant, an Indian constable, No. 771, went into the shop and said "Sik tak, sik tak" (Understand? Understand?) and held up four fingers, which indicated that he wanted the occupants to give him 40 cents.

Money Seized.

The inmates realised he wanted a bribe, but said nothing. The defendant then went away and soon afterwards one of the players retired, the game recommencing again when two other members of the shop made their appearance. Ten minutes later the constable returned and said that he wanted 40 cents, which was refused because the players knew that tin kau was not an offence. Their refusal incensed the constable, and seeing some money on the table he seized it and went out. He took 70 cents belonging to one of the players.

The victim followed the constable out of the shop and accused him of taking the money. The constable grabbed him by the collar and took him to the Police Station, where he was accused of gambling.

Regarding the first charge, his Worship asked Mr. Calthrop if he was prepared to prove that there were departmental instructions that Police officers were not allowed to enter premises without a warrant.

Mr. Calthrop: Yes, your Worship, I am.

Witness's Denials.

The prosecution called one of the occupants, who stated that the defendant did not give any reason for taking the money. In the first game there was no money on the tables. Witness was under the impression that tin kau was a punishable offence.

In reply to Mr. Armstrong witness said that it took four players to make up a game of tin kau, but in the first game they were merely having a bit of amusement. They did not use any dice but took the first pack of cards in rotation. The door was shut, but not locked. It being the day after the Chinese New Year, the premises were not open to business.

Witness denied that they were playing on the pavement outside the shop. The constable, he said, did not knock when he entered the shop. He merely pushed the door open. Witness made no attempt to hide the cards, although he thought he was guilty of an offence and expected to be arrested. When the constable entered nothing was said to him by anybody.

Mr. Armstrong put it to witness that they were shaking dice on the pavement outside the shop but this was denied.

In answer to his Worship witness said that he understood the constable's four fingers to mean 40 cents because it was not usual for policemen to ask for such large sums as \$4 and it was equally unusual for them to request four cents.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

FANLING GOLF.**RESULT OF THE WEEK-END BOGEY POOL COMPETITION.**

A. H. Ferguson (3) and N. K. Littlejohn (13), with cards of 2 up, tied in the bogey pool competition at Fanling over the week-end and divided the prize.

Other scores were: L. Comdr. W. D. Brown (7), A. B. Purves (9), H. G. Howard (14), 1 up; L. Comdr. W. D. Brown, T. Ramsay (14), all square.

There were thirty entries.

ON THE TELEPHONE.

Mrs. Brooks.—Is that you, Mabel?

Mrs. Brooks.—Yes, Molly.

Mrs. Brooks.—Will you play golf with me at Deepwater Bay on Saturday?

Mrs. Brooks.—What is it? I haven't heard of it.

Mrs. Brooks.—Oh, my dear, it was staring you in the face in the papers a few days ago and there are posters in the town. Why, it is an International Dance Festival—quite unique, I think, as far as Hongkong goes.

Mrs. Brooks.—It sounds most thrilling. Tell me more about it.

Mrs. Brooks.—Well, as I said, it is at the Recreio Club in Kowloon, one of the most attractive Clubs in the Colony, I think. The President and Committee have kindly lent it. There are to be dances of various nations. For instance, Madame Tamagnini, wife of the Governor of Macao, is arranging the "Vine" Dance and is bringing over 86 of her friends to take part in it. This will be a most attractive performance.

Mrs. Brooks.—I should like to see that. Madame Tamagnini is so artistic, I hear, and she is sure to produce something out of the ordinary.

Mrs. Brooks.—Then Mr. Kitayama has arranged a Japanese Dance called, poetically, "The Harbinger of Spring." I believe it is charming.

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Mrs. Brooks.—Then there are to be an Old English Dance, an Irish Jig, a Cavotte and a Russian Dance.

Mrs. Brooks.—Each fascinating in its own way.

Mrs. Brooks.—And in addition a most original and delightful item—a contre dance, arranged by Mrs. J.M. de Rocha, wife of the President of the Recreio Club. In this only children ranging from four years upwards take part and the music is supplied by the Portuguese Juvenile orchestra—all eight years old and under—conducted by Master H. Graca Ozeio. It's a wonderful little orchestra and keeps such splendid time.

Mrs. Brooks.—What a feast of good things the 23rd will provide.

Mrs. Brooks.—Yes, and the finale is a tableau in which representatives of many nations will take part. And Lt. Col. Fennelly and the Officers of the Queen's Royal Regiment have allowed their Band to play under Bandmaster Perry; you know what a treat that is. What more can you want?

Mrs. Brooks.—Nothing, my dear, except tickets for the Show. I must go, and take the family.

Mrs. Brooks.—Well, I'll get the tickets at Moutrie's for you this morning. They are \$3 and \$2. The show begins at four o'clock—Saturday 23rd—Don't forget. We'll all go together.

Mrs. Brooks.—Rather—we'll give golf a miss—I wouldn't miss a show like that for anything.

FRANCE AND CHINA.**A SETTLEMENT OF THE NANKING AFFAIR.**

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

Dr. C. T. Wang, interviewed, declared that the general principles for the conclusion of a new Sino-French commercial treaty concerning Indo-China had been agreed upon, and he expected shortly to hold a final meeting with the French Minister, after which the treaty would be signed.

He added that arrangements for a settlement of French claims arising from the Nanking incident had also been completed. The amount of compensation China had agreed to pay was about \$100,000, of which \$30,000 represented compensation for one Frenchman killed by Communists. This sum, however, the French Government had agreed to contribute towards philanthropic work in China.—Reuter.



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IN GERMANY NOW.**DISARMAMENT AND THE "BUNDE."**

[By Ludwig Asch.]

The Moscow Soviet journal, *Ogonick*, recently characterized Germany's disarmament as problematical. One reason given was that the German defence associations formed a reserve vastly exceeding in numbers the 100,000 men of the Reichswehr and maintaining close touch with the Ministry of Defence; another reason assigned was that, within 4 months, these reserves could easily be equipped with all the requisite weapons by the German factories, these being readily convertible into arsenals. Of the defence associations, continued the *Ogonick*, the Stahlhelm had more than two million members and the Jungdeutsche Orden about one million, while Ludendorff's Frontbann comprised considerably more than 800,000 men and 10,000 officers; in addition, there were, it said, the Werwolf, Enhardt's men and so on.

First, as to the figures. A careful computation shows that the Stahlhelm totals between 200,000 and 300,000 members, the Jungdeutsche Orden roughly the same number, the Werwolf some 10,000, and the Frontbann, Enhardt's men and other small associations only a few thousand each.

While none of these associations are in any way connected with the Ministry of Defence, some of them, for instance the Frontbann, adopt an emphatically inimical attitude towards those responsible for the German Defence Forces. There can be no question of any military training in connexion with these associations; their younger members have received none whatever; the elder men have seen no drill for more than ten years.

No Weapons.

Weapons they have none; nor would they have any in the event of war. The Reichswehr itself is accorded by the Allies only a small quantity of arms and ammunition; it has no war material whatever which counts, up heavy guns, no tanks, no military planes etc., obviously it could spare nothing for the alleged reserves.

The conversion of Germany's factories into arsenals supplying war material would take much longer than the four months assumed by the *Ogonick*. Even the United States, with its big factories, skilled workers, raw materials and untold funds, had only a few cannon of its own construction on the Western Front when the armistice was concluded, that is to say, a year and a half after it joined the War. But whether four months or eighteen, it makes no difference. Within a few weeks after the outbreak of a possible war, the converted factories, as well as any efforts at German mobilization, would have been destroyed by aeroplanes, tanks and heavy guns of the enemy, and therewith all idea of making effective military forces out of the "bunde" would vanish.

Disunion.

Nor must we forget what is probably the most fundamental and decisive point in the whole matter, namely, the disunion, not to say enmity, existing among the "bunde." Moreover, the fact that some of the associations referred to by the *Ogonick* are open enemies of the existing State would render them, in the problematic event of a war, not an element of strength but of weakness in welding together the forces of the country. The Jungdeutsche Orden alone endeavours to link up the supporters of the regime shattered in 1918 with the system existing in present-day Germany.

For its efforts to effect, among the German people, that unity essential to any recovery of power, the only thanks earned are that it is at one time forced to litigation by the radical associations of the right and, at another, sees its members manhandled by the radicals of the left, nay, even manined and killed.

Whoever, in the face of these facts, takes the figures grotesquely exaggerated above and adds them together as the total of associations forming a reserve in time of war acts like a child who, pretending to be a teacher, says to its playmates:—"12 babies, 10 trees, 15 ducks and 20 umbrellas—how many babies does that make?"

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

The Kuo Min news agency denies the report that Lu Chung-lin went to Honan, and states that he merely went on a hunting trip during the week-end and has now resumed duties at Nanking.—Reuter.

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THE SPANISH PLOT.

KING'S HANDS FORCED BY THE DICTATOR.

Paris, Feb. 18.
It is reported from Madrid that as a sequel to the recent rising there has been a serious divergence of opinion between King Alfonso and General de Rivera. It is reported that the King favoured clemency for those concerned in the seditious movements at Ciudad Real and Valencia, but de Rivera held that this would be interpreted as weakness. The King insisted so de Rivera tendered his resignation.
The members of the Cabinet followed suit and King Alfonso consequently abandoned his proposed amnesty and requested the Government to remain in office.—*Reuter.*

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THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR CONTROL.

Washington, Feb. 18.
Mr. Kellogg announces the conclusion of an informal agreement by the United States, Britain, Japan and eleven other European nations for closer co-operation in combatting the drug traffic, involving a direct exchange of information on persons violating the drug laws.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MUKDEN CONFERENCE.

GENERALS AND REHABILITATION OF MANCHURIA.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.
It is reported from Mukden that a conference for military on the rehabilitation of Manchuria has been called for February 20 at Shenyang by General Chang Hsueh-liang. All officers above the rank of Brigadier General have been invited to attend.—*Reuter.*

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

SON OF OIL MAGNATE SHOT BY MADMAN.

New York, Feb. 18.
Edward Doheny, the son of the oil magnate Mr. B. L. Doheny, has been shot dead in his home by his secretary, Mr. Hugh Plunkett, who was mentally deranged, and who later committed suicide.

Young Doheny figured in the Teapot Dome scandal of 1924 as a "passenger" alleged to have carried for his father \$400,000 to Mr. Fall, Secretary of the Interior.

Young Doheny and a doctor had been vainly trying to persuade Plunkett to go to a sanatorium. Mrs. Doheny summoned the doctor last night, saying Plunkett was mad. Both went to the bedroom, where Doheny and Plunkett had been closeted.

Plunkett shouted, "Don't approach!" and attempted the door. A shot rang out.

The doctor rushed in and found both dead. It is inferred Doheny must have been shot some hours previously, as only one shot was heard.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WOMEN CANDIDATES.

MAY BE A HUNDRED TRYING FOR SEATS.

London, Feb. 18.
At present 54 women have been adopted as candidates at the General Election, to be held in May or June, but it is not unlikely that many more will come forward as prospective members of Parliament, and in political circles it is anticipated that the number will be nearly 100.

The 54 women already adopted as candidates are in the following party strength.—Liberal 19, Labour 27 and Conservative 8.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH COAL.

A STIMULATION OF THE RECENT DEMAND.

London, Feb. 18.
The demand for British coal, which has shown a steady increase lately both in foreign markets and throughout Great Britain, has increased the activity in the coal-producing areas, and more pits are busy than for a considerable period. The severity of the weather on the Continent and at home has greatly stimulated this tendency, and domestic coal and steam coal are being produced in larger quantities than for many months.—*British Wireless.*

Washington, Feb. 18.
Colonel Lindbergh has arrived here on the completion of his journey to inaugurate an American air mail to Panama.—*Reuter's American Service.*



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CHINA AND JAPAN.

DR. WANG WAITS.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.
In the course of an interview, when questioned regarding the progress of Sino-Japanese negotiations, Dr. C. T. Wang said, "I am still waiting for Mr. Yoshizawa to make his next move. He knows what our minimum demands are, as we have yielded till there is no ground for us to yield any further. I hope the Tokyo Government will see the reasonableness of our views."—*Reuter.*

Peking, Feb. 18.
Chinese reports state that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is holding an important military conference at Talyuanfu on February 20, the objects of which are not stated.—*Reuter.*

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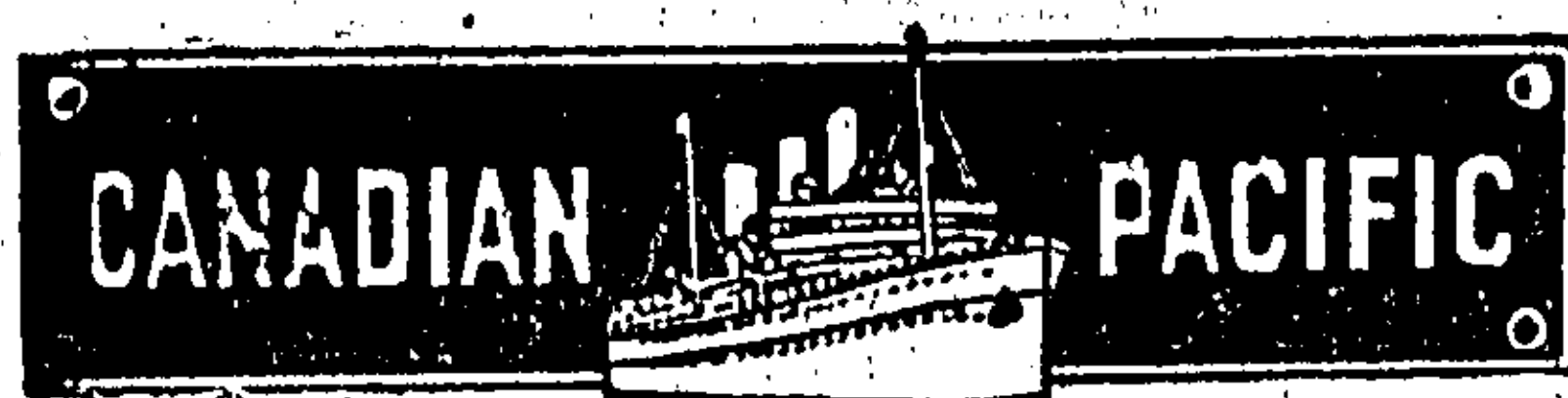
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ROBBERY AT SHATIN.

TWO CHILDREN KIDNAPPED FROM A MATCHED.

The story of a raid carried out by a number of robbers at a match shed at Shatin, in the course of which two children were kidnapped, only one of whom has been found, was related to the Public Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon. Charges of robbery and child stealing were preferred against Tam Hung, alias Kai Sze-hung, Wong Sze, alias Wong Po, Chan Hon and Lau Cheung.

All the prisoners denied the charges. Mr. H. K. Holmes was for the Crown.

The mother of a baby boy, who was kidnapped, stated that on the night of December 9, 1928, there were eight women, including herself, and another baby girl, in the match shed when the robbers made their attack. She was roused from sleep by the sound of loud voices at about midnight, when the robbers entered with bamboo torches.

Tied With Rope.

Witness said she saw three of the men who entered her cubicle and tied her up with thin rope. She was then left in her cubicle but she could not see what the men were doing and she stated that she did not dare to look.

With the exception of 30 cents, which was placed where some rice was kept, she had no money in the house. She identified the fourth prisoner as the man who picked up the money and put it in his pocket. After staying in the match shed for about an hour the men went away and she was released by a boy who was not tied up.

Questioned by Mr. Holmes with regard to her 5-year-old son, witness stated that he was taken away and she had not seen him since.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Holmes stated that the girl had been recovered but not the boy.

Another witness, who was also sleeping in the match shed, said that she was with her 5-year-old daughter when the robbers entered. She was also tied up and one of the robbers took the girl away. They stole two umbrellas, two cups and a bed quilt, but no money.

She continued that she again saw her daughter on December 15, 1928, after she had been recovered by the police in Yau-matli.

Witness' Identification.

Witness identified the third prisoner as being the man who stole the bed quilt.

His Lordship pointed out that the witness then picked the third prisoner out for the first time as she had not identified him before the Police Magistrate.

Mr. Holmes agreed. Asked about this by his Lordship, witness maintained that the man she picked out before the Magistrate was the third prisoner.

His Lordship told the jury that evidence would be given later to show that the witness did not pick out that prisoner when before the Magistrate, but that she picked out someone else.

The case was adjourned.

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8 p.m. Evening Programme (H. M. V. and Victor Records). "Clowns in Clover," Selection, The New Mayfair Orchestra. "We're Living At The Cloisters," "So Tired,"

Comedienne, Gracie Fields. "Wine, Woman and Song—Waltz," "Southern Roses—Waltz," (Strauss). "Gypsy Caprice," "Shepherd's Madrigal," Violin Solo, Fritz Kreisler. "Mountain Lovers," "Nirvana,"

Tenor, John Turner. "Lohengrin—Elsa's Dream," "Lohengrin—Elizabeth's Prayer," Soprano, Maria Jeritza. "The Drudge Way," "Homes,"

Humorous, Norman Long. "Chelsea Faysie," "Londonderry Air," Organ Solo, Reginald Goos-Custard. "Tannhauser—The Evening Star," "Die Weistansinger—Prize Song," Violoncello Solo, Pablo Casals.

"Tosca," Potpourri, Marek Wober and His Orchestra. "Le Cygne," "Moment Musical," Violoncello Solo, Pablo Casals.

"Minuet," "Nocturne in E Flat Major," Piano Solo, Sergei Rachmaninoff. "Parlala Valse," "The Gypsy and The Bird,"

Soprano, Arletta Galt-Curci. "Largo," (from "Kerxes"), March, Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "Blossom's Film Scenario," Talking, John Henry and Blossom.

"Storm," (Mendel). Organ Solo, Arthur Menlo. 10.10 p.m. News Bulletin. "I Love The Moon," "Jeunesse,"

Tenor, Walter Glynn. Vocal Gems from "The Waltz Dream," Vocal Gems from "The Merry Widow," H.M.V. Light Opera Company. God Save The King. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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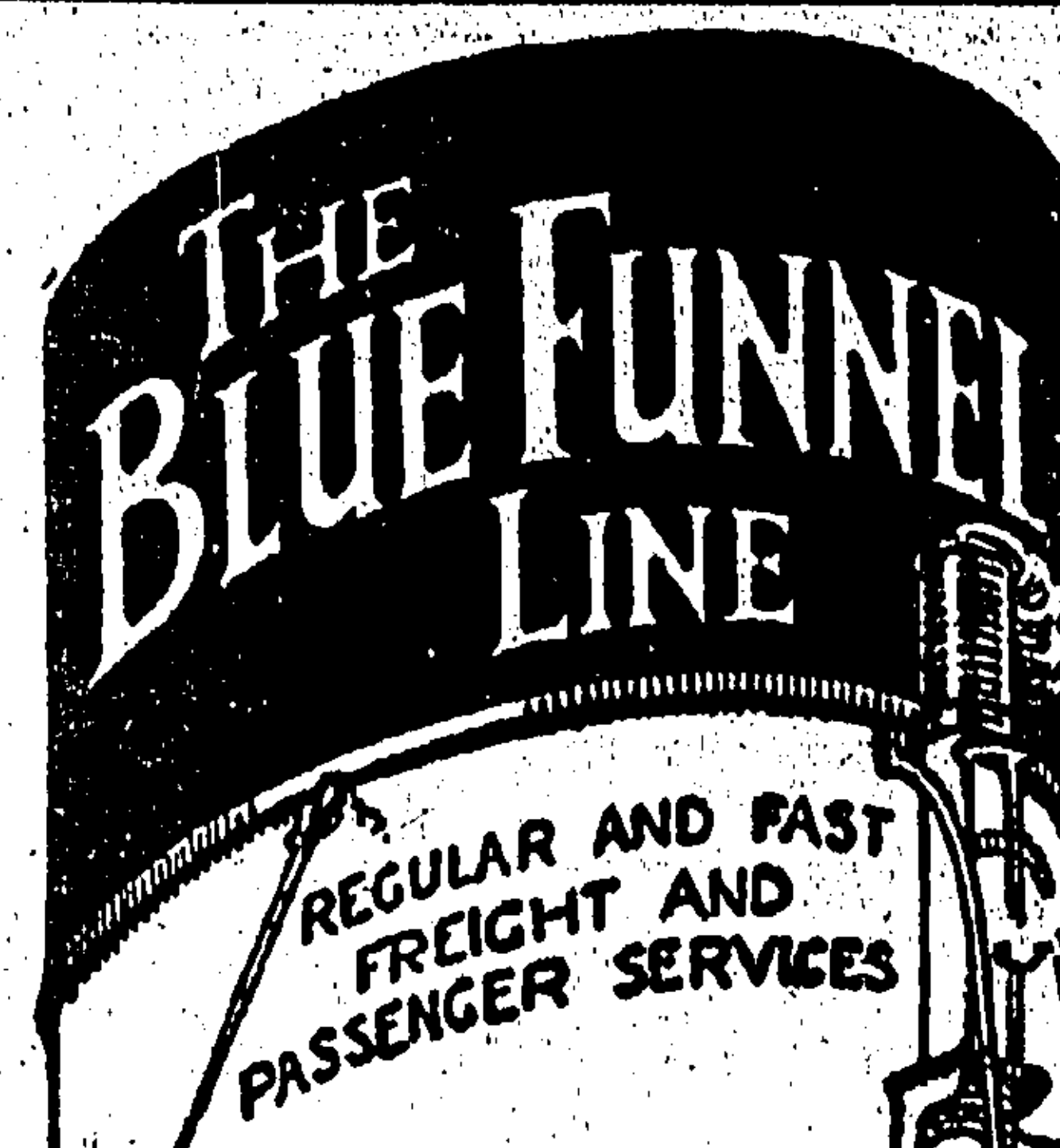
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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th February, 1929, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th March or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 16th February, 1929.

Kyoto, Feb. 18.

The District Court has sentenced 29 communists to terms of imprisonment ranging from five to one year.—*Reuter.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

BUOYS SHIFTED BY ICE AT TSINGTAO HARBOUR.

The following Notice to Mariners, No. 1 of 1929, has been issued by the Harbour Master of Tsingtao under date February 4:

Notice is hereby given that as ice will soon be found in the Inner Harbour and may possibly shift the positions of buoys, the mariners are warned to exercise care in navigation. The Harbour Office will from time to time restore the buoys thus affected to their proper positions.

THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

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factor in the determination of those changes. Long may it continue to do so.

The times are marked, no doubt, quite distinctly in the question of the new attitude towards women. To-day the woman in the East occupies no less leading position in society than her sister in the West. From day to day, the woman in the East is following more closely the footsteps of her Western sister in gaining the same right to education, to equal rights of property and to the exercise of the professions and of suffrage. The more significant fact to note is that the modern woman can and will exert greater social influence and will be manifestly the civilizer of mankind. "What is civilization?" "I answer," said Emerson, "the power of good women." It is women that finish and refine society, manners and language. "Woman's duty," as Ruskin says, "as a member of the Commonwealth, is to assist in the ordering, in the comforting, and in the beautiful adornment of the State." So may the Helena May Institute go on from strength to strength exercising its social influence, in enriching cultural improvement of the Colony, in bringing genuine understanding between the East and West; and may its social service gain more new enthusiasts and new workers. Properly to the Institute! (Applause.)

I have very great pleasure in unveiling this tablet.

The Tablet.

From the platform, Mr. Ho drew a cord and revealed to the gathering a plain bronze tablet which bore the following inscription:

"The Helena May Institute for women was opened on the 12th September, 1916. It was founded mainly through the generosity of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, K.L., and Mr. Ho Kom-tung, O.B.E., assisted by many other subscribers, to commemorate the valuable service rendered to the Colony by Helen, wife of Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong."

"This Institute stands as a means of furthering the social service to which Lady May devoted so much time and enthusiasm."

The tablet was cast at the Kowloon works of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., under the supervision of Mr. Geo. Duncan, O.B.E. It was admired by all.

Upon accepting the Committee's invitation to an honorary life membership of the Institute Mrs. Ho Kom-tung, amidst loud applause, became the recipient of a parchment at the hands of little Miss Kathleen Wolfe, on behalf of the Committee.

Farewell Presentations. To mark the Committee's and members' appreciation of the disinterested public services of two members about to leave the Colony on home leave, souvenirs were presented to Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe (retiring vice-president) and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, M.B.E.

Before the gathering dispersed, charming Miss Patsy Taggart stepped forward and offered for the acceptance of the popular President of the H. M. I., Mrs. V. T. Southorn, a beautiful bouquet of flowers trimmed with dainty silk ribbons. The President warmly thanked the gathering for the presentation, and the ceremony concluded.

LAUNCH TRAGEDY.

OVER-CROWDING AND DISREPAIR OF BOAT.

Hankow, Feb. 6. One of those tragedies which have happened before, and which will happen a good many more times unless overcrowding on the launches which run from Hankow to so many places is prevented, occurred yesterday. The launch Yin-king, left her hulk at the Passage of Myriad Peace carrying about 400 persons though she is licensed to carry a hundred odd. Even so she might have accomplished yet another journey in safety if her hull had been in proper repair. But when she struck a mud bank near Drop Anchor Point seven miles up the Han, the plates in her bottom flew apart and water rushed in. So many of the passengers rushed to the top deck, on which passengers are not allowed to travel as a rule, that the vessel keeled over into the deeper water, and hundreds were thrown into the icy current. Some held on to the railings on the upper side of the wreck and were saved, though broken arms and legs were many. The women who are always congregated in cold weather in the stern saloon were either drowned or scalded to death.

Many Chinese craft rushed to the rescue and in the end about 200 persons got ashore, some of these dying from shock almost at once. Forty bodies have already been recovered, one being that of a young woman still clasping her baby. Someone hurried to the nearest police station where there is a telephone to Hankow and the launch Pol-wan was sent up with clothes, bedding and food, but many of the survivors had decided to walk back to Hankow so as to escape the bitter cold.

A meeting was held yesterday to express indignation at the accident and to demand that the authorities should deal with the company owning the launch. But anyone who has travelled frequently on the river knows that the steamer is quite powerless to prevent folk from overcrowding aboard. Even when an attempt has been made to send launches away from their berth with the regulation number of passengers, scores of men dash up the river street to some point near China Kou and put out in boats. Even if the launch will not slow down they generally manage to catch on with bonhooks and by so doing hamper the steamer till the launch stops.—*N. C. D. News.*

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ARRIVED.

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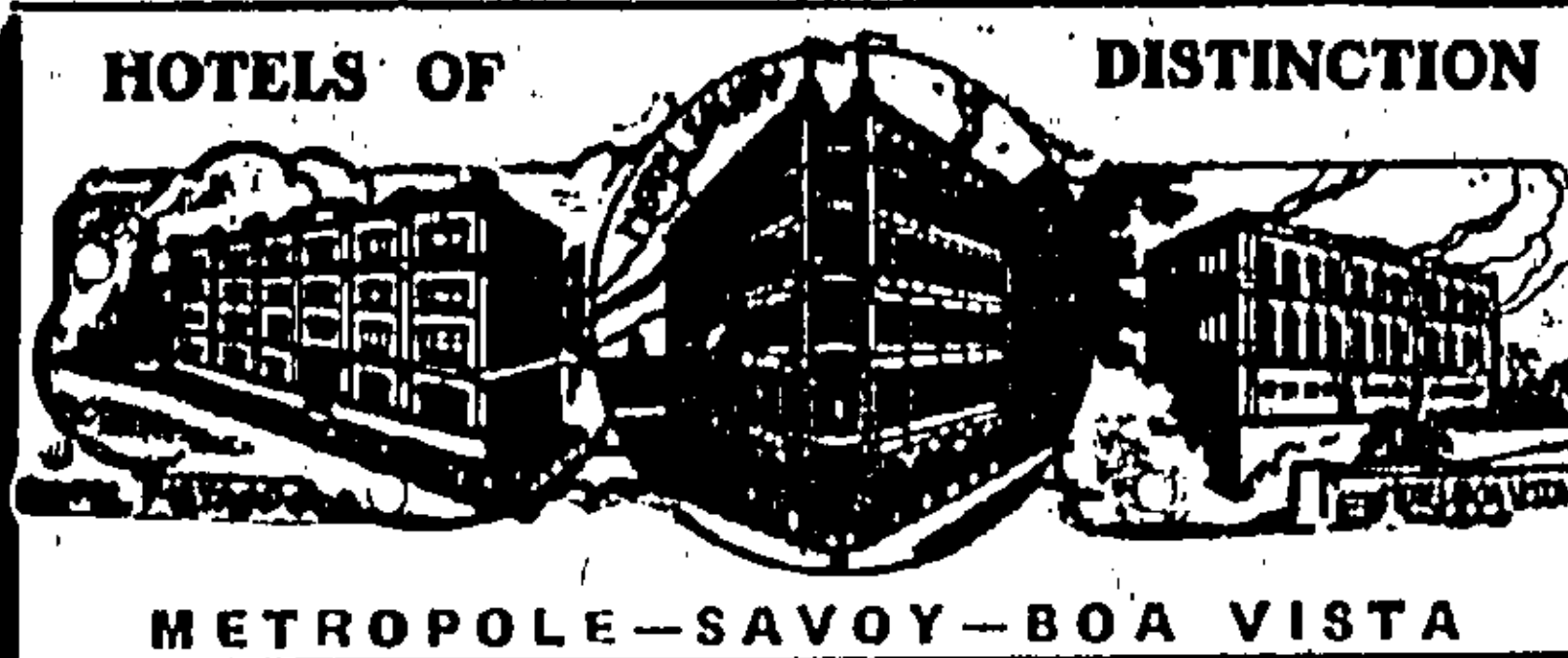
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HER MAJESTY'S STATEMENT
AT EXHIBITION.

CRAIGWEIL REPORT.

London, Feb. 18.
"The King is much better and
is now getting on nicely."
These were the words of the
Queen to-day in reply to an in-
quiry regarding the King's pro-
gress when she visited an exhibi-
tion of English decorative art in
London.

Her Majesty had come to town
for the first time since the King
was taken to Bognor nine days
ago, and she warmly embraced a
number of her friends when she
arrived at the exhibition.

It was keenly realised by all
present that the welcome which
they extended to Her Majesty was
the first which she had received
on a purely social occasion since
the King was taken ill.

The exhibition includes a large
number of historical antiquities,
and Her Majesty is herself an ex-
hibitor. The Queen came special-
ly from Bognor to open the func-
tion, which is being held at Lands-
down House. Her Majesty will
stay the night at Buckingham
Palace.

At Craigweil House this even-
ing it was stated that the King
passed a quiet day. Cold easterly
winds blew throughout the day,
but there was some sunshine and
His Majesty took advantage of
this, sitting by the open window
for some time.—British Wireless.

OVER EIGHT MILES OF STANDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Queen will be accompanied
by the Prince of Wales when she
visits the fair to-morrow. Bir-
mingham, or the heavy section of
the fair, was opened by the Lord
Mayor of Birmingham. At a sub-
sequent luncheon, Mr. Amery, the
Secretary for the Dominions, said
the fair continued to make head-
way and was fulfilling a national
use. The fact that British manu-
facturers had survived so difficult
a period as they had, was, he be-
lieved, bound to bring about a
great accession of strength in the
future, and he was sure they
would march into greater pros-
perity.

Trade With China.

In the House of Commons, re-
plying to Sir Robert Hart, Mr.
Herbert C. Williams, the Under-
Secretary of the Board of Trade,
stated that during the last quarter
of 1928, there was a substantial
improvement in British trade with
China as compared with the
previous quarter.—Reuter and
British Wireless.

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CHINESE WHO STOLE
JOCKEY'S SWEATER.

A Chinese was charged before
Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central
Police Court this morning, with
stealing a sweater belonging to
Mr. W. Jenkins, jockey at Har-
mston's Circus.
It was stated that the theft
occurred yesterday while Mr.
Jenkins was exercising one of the
ponies. Feeling warm, he had
discarded the sweater and left it
on one of the seats. Later a
Chinese, one of the crowd who
had been let in to see the exercises,
was seen going through the exit
wearing the sweater. He was
stopped and handed over to a con-
stable.

Accused told the Court that his
impression on seeing the coat left
discarded was that it was without
an owner, and he therefore picked
it up.
In spite of this ingenious plea,
he was sentenced to six weeks'
hard labour.

THE PARIS-SAIGON FLIGHT.

LE BRIX SETS OUT ON
TRIP.

Paris, Feb. 18.
The well-known aviator, Pal-
lard le Brix, started to-day on
his flight to Saigon, by stages.
His object is to establish a
commercial mail service to Indo-
China.—Havas.

DULL WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone has weakened
and moved into the yellow sea.
The depression is crossing Japan
to the south of Hokkaido. Fresh
monsoon will prevail along the
S.E. coast of China and over the
North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow
is:—North-East winds, fresh;
cloudy.

SIXTH ROUND OF F. A. CUP.

ONLY ONE GAME IN
THE SOUTH.

BIRMINGHAM TEAMS BOTH
FORTUNATE.

LANCASHIRE BATTLE.

London, Feb. 18.
The draw for the Sixth Round
of the Football Association Cup
Competition was made in London
to-day, resulting as follows:

Blackburn R. v. Bolton Wdrs.

Aston Villa v. Swindon or The
Arsenal.

Chelsea or v. Bournemouth or
Portsmouth v. West Ham.

West Brom. A. v. Huddersfield.

Matches are to be played on
March 2nd.—Reuter.

The curiosity of the draw is that
the two remaining Lancashire
clubs, Bolton and Blackburn,
strong contenders both, are drawn
in opposition, that the two Bir-
mingham clubs are drawn at home,
and that four Southern clubs are
to decide which one of them is to
pass into the semi-final.

The Villa and Blackburn will
now become the strongest fancies.

H.M.S. MOTH STILL AGROUND.

Other Gunboats Standing By
to Help.

SALVAGE MOST LIKELY.

Enquiries from the naval
authorities this morning dis-
closed the fact that H.M.S.
Moth is still aground on the
submerged rock below Wuchow
which she struck some days
ago.

Reports from Wuchow indi-
cate that the gunboat's forward
deck is submerged to a depth
of some two feet, whilst the
stern is pointing skywards.
The engine-room is free of
water, and no damage has been
done to the armament.

Other gunboats are standing
by, and there are strong hopes
of the salvage proving success-
ful.

for the final, unless they meet be-
forehand.

At this stage of the competition
the previous Cup records of the
sides will be of interest.

Five of the teams, Blackburn,
Bolton, Aston Villa, West Brom-
wich Albion and Huddersfield
have previously won the Cup and
some of the records for this sea-
son are as follows:

Blackburn.
H. v. Barnsley 1-0
H. v. Derby 1-1
A. v. Derby 3-0
H. v. Bury 1-0
Bolton.
H. v. Oldham 2-0
A. v. Liverpool 0-0
H. v. Liverpool 5-2
H. v. Leicester 2-1
Aston Villa.
H. v. Cardiff 0-1
H. v. Clapton 0-0
A. v. Clapton 8-0
A. v. Reading 8-1

Swindon.
H. v. Newcastle 2-0
A. v. Burnley 3-3
H. v. Burnley 3-2
H. v. The Arsenal 0-0

The Arsenal.
H. v. Stoke 2-1
H. v. Mansfield 2-0
A. v. Swindon 0-0

West Bromwich.
A. v. Grimsby 1-1
H. v. Grimsby 2-0
H. v. Middlesbrough 1-0
H. v. Bradford 0-0

Huddersfield.
A. v. Chesterfield 7-1
H. v. Leeds U. 3-0
H. v. Cry. Palace 6-2

League Football.
In the First Division of the En-
glish League to-day, Burnley and
Bury played a goalless draw at
Burnley, while the Wednesday, at
home to Derby County, won easily
by five goals to nothing.—Reuter.

LONDON'S NIGHT OF BITTER COLD.

BECOMES WARMER DURING
THE DAY.

THAW NOT EXPECTED.

London, Feb. 18.
After an extremely cold night
(twenty-four degrees of frost were
registered at Kew Gardens), the
temperature again rose in London
to-day, and at noon, the thermo-
meter showed four degrees above
freezing point which is the warm-
est weather London has experienced
since the Sunday before last.

Weather experts, however, are
not yet prepared to predict a thaw,
and in some parts of the country
it is still bitterly cold.—Reuter.

Devoured by Wolves.

Rome, Feb. 18.

Eleven soldiers have been torn
to pieces by wolves in Albania.

A group of recruits, accompa-
nied by two gendarmes, were march-
ing between Premeti and Koritza
when they were surrounded by
about 50 famished wolves. Only
the gendarmes were armed, and
they killed seven of the wolves be-
fore their ammunition became ex-
hausted.

The wolves then gathered again
and attacked the party. Some of
the men succeeded in climbing
trees, but eleven were pulled down
and devoured.—Reuter.

A FINE RECORD.

THE MANUFACTURES LIFE
INSURANCE.

The following extracts are from
the 42nd annual report of the
Manufactures Life Insurance Co.,
for whom Messrs. Arnhold and
Co., Ltd., are the Hongkong
agents:

Insurance issued and in force.
—The new insurance issued dur-
ing the year exceeded that of any
previous year in the Company's
history and amounted to \$87,322,
612. The insurance in force in-
creased by \$50,769,481 and now
amounts to \$453,323,912.

Income.—The total income for
the year was \$24,367,813, an in-
crease of more than three and
one-half million dollars over that
of the previous year, both the pre-
mium income and the interest in-
come showing satisfactory in-
creases.

Payments to policyholders.—
These payments, comprising death
claims, matured policies, divi-
dends to policyholders, etc.,
amounted to \$8,387,508. Of this
amount dividends paid to policy-
holders during the year amounted
to \$1,954,133. Death claims
amounted to \$2,925,758, the Com-
pany's mortality experience for
the year being very favourable.

Assets.—The assets of the Com-
pany, which now amount to \$87,
495,370, have increased during the
year by over eleven million dol-
lars. All securities have been
valued on a conservative basis, the
book value at which they are held
in the balance sheet being sub-
stantially less than their market
value.

LIBEL IN A REPORT.

EX-BARNARDO HOMES
OFFICIAL AWARDED £500.

The hearing has been concluded
in the King's Bench Division, be-
fore Mr. Justice Horridge and a
common jury of the action for
libel brought by Mr. William
Spender Darby, a former super-
intendent of Dr. Barnardo's Home
at Liverpool, against Mr. Percy
Roberts, chief migration officer to
the Homes, for statements in a re-
port made by the latter to the
Chairman of the Council.

The jury, after an absence of
nearly an hour, returned a verdict
for Mr. Darby and awarded him
£500 damages. Judgment was
entered accordingly, with costs.
The foreman of the jury asked
if they might have five years' ex-
emption from service.
Mr. Justice Horridge granted
them three years' exemption.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

NEW TRICKS INTRODUCED.

Harmston's Circus staged a
change of programme last night,
when a number of new tricks, in-
cluding juggling on wire and
horseback, were presented with
the best that was contained in the
opening show. A double jockey
act by Miss Mackie and Mr. W.
Jenkins proved to be very interest-
ing, while the flying trapeze act
by the Nelson Trio again brought
down the house. The programme
ended with an animal act in which
the lions were put through their
paces by the Javanese trainer
Hassan.

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